

# THE KALYANI SCHOOL

## From the Editor's Desk.....

Dear Readers,  
Greetings of the festive season.  
As Indians we believe, nothing can go wrong now. The season isn't only imbued with religious fervour, but more so, with peace, camaraderie and a general sense of well being. We ardently believe that all our toils of the months past, are about to bear fruit.


We have been happy this month. Our school has been awarded another crown of success, once again acknowledging our efforts and achievements. We go from strength to strength, setting the bar higher with each step on our way up.

The school trips; picnics; Dussehra; preparations for our yearly bonanza, Mad About India; Sports Day; Run for Fun and much more, has kept us dizzyingly busy. Though the stress of the months ahead are never far from the minds of the Board going students, yet they too have succumbed to the charms of October. Many have packed their bags for the outstation trips, most have taken part in the Sports Meets, but most importantly, everyone has enjoyed coming to school. Our Newsletter this month, will feature all these ventures that the Kalyaniites have been a part of.

We would also like to inform you, that in a new section in this edition, 'Our Alumni Speak', we will share with you, how our Alumni are faring in the new world outside the school walls, and also how the school Counselling Cell has helped them in the process.  
So, read on dear Readers!!

----**Soma Ghosh**

October- 2023



**“October is the opal month of the year. It is the month of glory, of ripeness. It is the picture-month.”**

*-Henry Ward Beecher*

»»» **'COURAGE IS WHAT IT TAKES TO STAND UP AND SPEAK; COURAGE IS ALSO WHAT IT TAKES TO SIT DOWN AND LISTEN.'**

**- WINSTON CHURCHILL**

# ANOTHER FEATHER ADDED TO OUR CROWN

"I am always doing that which I cannot do, in order that I may learn how to do it." — Pablo Picasso



The following pictures say it all. TKS is already known for following unique teaching and learning styles, which make the Kalyaniites curious, excited and effective learners. However, it always gives us more motivation to go on doing better, when we are acknowledged for it. This time, at a conference held by India K-12 Awards, on 11th of October, we have been awarded for inculcating skills in the students, through enrichment activities. Pat your backs, Kalyaniites!!!

If that was not all, let us also share with you another remarkable piece of news. The Education World School Rankings, has ranked us the No. 1 school in Pune and No. 6 in Maharashtra, among all the Co - Ed schools. The Award was conferred upon us on 14th of October, in a grand event in Delhi. Kudos to Us All!!!





# THEY DO US PROUD

## Error Correction

Dear Readers,  
We regret to announce that there was an error in the previous month's Newsletter. The edited one is now being shared. It was unintended, and we sincerely apologize for it.



**"Success is peace of mind, which is a direct result of the satisfaction in knowing you made the effort to become the best of which you are capable."**

**— John Wooden**

In a recent event, 'Imaginarium', held at DPS, on 12th of October, Kabir Girote of Grade VI, was acknowledged for his noteworthy skills of speech. He was awarded the Second Prize in the Poetry Recitation category. We congratulate his achievement and wish him more success in the coming years too.



Hridaan Shah of Grade IX, is in the news once again. He lifted the Winner's Trophy at the 'CSK I-squash Open' 2023, Pune (2 star), which was played at the National level. It was organised by: Squash Racket Federation of India (SRFI), on 15th to 17th of September. More glories to you, Hridaan!

## *You are an Instrumental Genius!!*

*This Certificate is awarded to  
Siddhi S Chari aged 11 Years,  
a student of The Kalyani School, Pune*

*for winning the 2nd Prize  
for a performance that tugged at our heartstrings in  
Discarnival's All India Instrumental Genius September 2023 Challenge*

*You are truly an Instrumental Genius!*



Siddhi Chari of Grade VI has bagged the Second Position in the Instrumental Genius competition organized by Wizkids Carnivals. There were approximately 150 participants from all across India, and Siddhi awed them all with her performance. May her journey ahead be equally impressive in the future too. Great job done, Siddhi!!

On 8th of October, the TKS Karate Kids made us proud with their remarkable performances in the Maharashtra State Sub-junior & National Selection Championship, 2023. Following are the achievers, who have distinguished themselves in the sport:

- Nehansh Kalbhor - Grade II - Gold
- Prerit Jain - Grade II - Bronze
- Aaradhya Pote - Grade IV - Bronze
- Arjun Gujare - Grade VIII - Gold
- Tanmay Kargupta - Grade VIII - Gold







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Shammvi Sinha of XI C has received a Bronze Award in the Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition, 2023. Great job done, Shammvi. Way to go!!!



In keeping with his earlier feats on the Squash courts, Hridhaan Shah once again carried home the Winner's Trophy. He has won the Boys' Under 17 ZP Tournament, organized by the Pune Municipal Corporation & District Sports Office, on 15th of October, at Maharashtra Squash Academy. He also won the Pune District Level Tournament, on 21st of October, and qualified for State Level. More power to you, Hridhaan!!

The TKS girls have done us equally proud. Anika Dubey of Grade VIII, has won the First Prize in the ZP Squash Tournament, in the Girls under 14 category. She too has secured the First Place, and will represent Pune for the Divisional Tournament. Congratulations Anika. May you go from strength to strength!!



Hitansh Jain of Grade VIII, continues with his remarkable chess feats. He has secured the 4th Position, in the Pune Division Chess Tournament, in the U 14 Boys' category. The event was organized by Solapur Municipal Corporation & Solapur District Sports Office, on 17th and 18th of October, at Solapur District Sports Complex.



He has qualified for the Maharashtra School State level Chess Tournament. Congratulations Hitansh. May your skills and efforts take you places!!

The U-14 Boys' Team of TKS, represented by the students of Grades VII-IX, have bagged Gold Medals by winning the DSO Division Level Basketball Tournament, conducted by DSO Ahmednagar, on 17th and 18th of October.





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Anaaya Singh from Grade III, was awarded the Silver Medal in the Amigos Badminton Cup Tournament, in the U-9 category. We are proud of our little Champ, and wish her many more such victories in the future.



Alaap Chakraborty of Grade VII has secured the Second Position in the prestigious 'Swar Shankar Inter School Music Competition', organized by Indira National School, Wakad. His outstanding Sarod performance in the solo Swar Instrument category, won him accolades from the Maestro, Sangeet Natak Academy Award winner, Pt. Ajay Pohankar ji. We are proud of him and wish him a very successful career in music.

On 17th of October, the boys of TKS Basketball team, beat K. Bajaj school in the finals 35-14. With this victory in the District Level, they have now advanced to the school State Level. This indeed calls for a loud cheer. More power and success to you, Boys!!



At the District level ZP Athletics Competition, conducted by the Pune Municipal Corporation & District Sports Office, at Baburao Sanas Sports Ground, from 16th to 19th of October, the Kalyaniites have made their mark, with laudable achievements on the tracks. We are proud of their achievements, and wish them the best for all their future ventures.



Ridam Satre of Grade X, won the Second Position in Triple Jump, in the U-19 Boys' category.

Naisha Doru of Grade X, secured the Second Position in Triple Jump, 4\*100 m Relay & 4\*400 m Relay, in the U-19 Girls' category.

Nishtha Upadhyay of Grade XII, secured the Second Position in the 800 m Run , 4\*100 m Relay & 4\*400 m Relay, in the U-19 Girls' category.

Maanya Utreja of Grade XII, secured the Second Position in the 4\*100 m Relay & 4\*400 m Relay.





# THEY DO US PROUD

The Kalyaniites blazed the sports fields and collected more medals, accolades and glory in the CBSE Cluster IX Athletics Meet, at Sanjay Ghodawat International School, Kolhapur, from 27th to 29th of October.

Maanya Utreja of Grade XII, bagged the First Position in High Jump, and also secured the Third Position in the 100 m Run.

Nishtha Upadhyay secured the First Place in the 400 m race; she has also secured Second Place in the 800 m race.

Naisha Doru of Grade X, secured the Second Position in Triple Jump.

In addition to this, Ridam Satre of Grade X, has secured Third Place in Triple Jump.

The Under 19 Girls' team has also made their mark by securing the First Place in the 4x400 m Relay and Second Place in the 4x100 m Relay.

They have all been selected to participate in the CBSE National level Tournament. This clearly indicates all round development in the Kalyaniites. Three cheers to them all !!!!



Maanya Utreja



Nishtha Upadhyay



Ridam Satre



Naisha Doru

On 30th of October, Anika Dubey of Grade VIII, won the Girls Under 15 Squash Junior National Championship held at Daly College, Indore. This victory marks Anika's second consecutive Squash Junior National title making her one of the few players in India to achieve back-to-back wins in two consecutive years., which is not only a testament to her talent and dedication, but also brings immense pride to all of us. Way to go, Anika. We are proud of you!!



Akiev Keer of Grade XI has done us all proud with his outstanding performance in the Pune Division Swimming Tournament, organized by the Pune Municipal Corporation & the District Sports Office, on 26th of October, at Chhatrapati Sports Complex Swimming Pool, Balewadi. He bagged the First Position in 100 M Freestyle, Second Position in 50 M Freestyle and Second Position in the 50 M Butterfly events. He has won the Pune Division Level and qualified for School State Level. We tip our hats to his achievements and wish him more success.



# TKS COMMUNITY SERVICE

## THE ZP SCHOOL VISIT



In continuation with the TKS Community Service Programme, the facilitators once again visited the Zilla Parishad School, in Theur, to conduct teaching sessions for students from Grades I to VI. To begin with, an engaging session of paper collage activity, brought cheer among the children. They also had an exposure to various other forms of arts. They learned to reuse newspapers and make silhouette paintings. They were indeed excited to learn this new technique. Following this, Yoga classes were conducted, and the young ones performed Surya Namaskar, and some standing and sitting yogasanas. The objective was to develop their flexibility, strength, and speed. Engaging them in throwing and catching balls and in recreational games, the facilitators also taught them hand-eye coordination in the PE class. The steady progress of the students in the school, and their obvious enthusiasm when the TKS teachers visit them, is indeed encouraging, and promises overall fruition of their potential.



**“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”**

**— Mahatma Gandhi**





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## THE ZP SCHOOL VISIT

On 30th of October, the TKS Facilitators once again visited the ZP School in Theur. Diwali is around the corner and to celebrate this festive spirit, an engaging session of diya painting was conducted in the Art class by Sridevi Ma'am, for the students of Grades I to III. The children were excited to use different colours and put various designs and patterns to make their diyas look bright and fetching. Following this, a session of making paper lamps was conducted with Grades IV to VI. The students observed the instructions carefully and learnt the steps of making the festive lamps.



After this, the students of Grades IV to VI enjoyed a story narration session conducted by Nilofar Ma'am. The students listened to the story of 'The Gingerbread Man' read to them; and were shown two videos with different endings. They were then asked to come up with another ending to the story; and they shared how they would like it to end. The morals learnt from the story were also discussed. The children were able to describe the main character using different adjectives, and also illustrated some scenes from the story. Ma'am took a session on poem recitation for Grades I to III, in which the students enjoyed some very engaging songs and poems. The teacher recited the poem with voice modulation and appropriate expressions, for better comprehension. Later, the students also recited the poem along with the teacher. At the end of the day, as always, the students were able to learn some new skills, and were excited with their new learnings.

**"I have found that among its other benefits,  
giving liberates the soul of the giver."**

----- **Maya Angelou**





# SCHOOL PICNIC



On the morning of 7th of October, the students of Grades VI, VII, VIII and X from The Kalyani School, visited Sunny's World. It was their school picnic, which provided an excellent opportunity to bond, have fun and explore a lot of new activities. Accompanied by their teachers and school staff, they started from school early in the morning. The bus ride itself was exciting, during which the students, and the teachers too, had a lot of fun chatting, singing and quizzing. The itinerary included various adventurous activities, and the children thoroughly enjoyed the excitement of the Amusement Park, with its thrilling activities, such as rock climbing, archery, trampoline, bull riding and challenging tracks. They were provided with a scrumptious lunch and refreshments throughout the day that kept them energized and hydrated. The icing on the cake was the 'rain-dance', which saw the dynamic performance of the students, who let their hair down and soaked in the fun.

The picnic was meticulously organised by the school, ensuring the safety and entertainment of all, providing a great opportunity to engage in a wonderful experience, and face a range of challenges that can contribute significantly to their personal development. The day was a great success, which was evident in the cheerful smiles of the students, as they returned to the school to be picked up by their parents.







# SCHOOL PICNIC





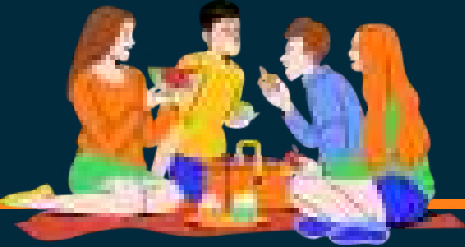


# SCHOOL PICNIC

The Grade XII students were given a special treat on 27th of October, when they went for their picnic to Raanfulla, a tranquil resort, a few hours outside the busy city of Pune. It was an overnight programme, and the students had a chance to let their hair down and enjoy to their hearts' content, with their friends and their accompanying teachers. They had a chance to connect with nature, and bond with each other through engaging activities; and the camaraderie born out of it, made this outing a memorable experience. It reminded them of the importance of taking a break from their busy lives, and spending quality time outdoors. The energizing activities that included ziplining, kayaking, rides on giant wheels and swings, were quite breath-taking. The students also enjoyed the entertainment programme designed for them in the evening, by the CCA teachers, where they sang and danced with pleasure and zeal. The adventure activities next day, helped them to rejuvenate their spirit, and create lasting memories with friends and teachers. The Grade XII students have a very busy schedule ahead, and the trip was essential for them to unwind and ease up a little, so that they are able to focus on their academic responsibilities in the coming stressful months. And this pleasure trip will act as nothing less than a revitalizing tonic for them.







# SCHOOL PICNIC





# ➤➤➤ ADVENTURE JOURNEY - LIFE-SKILLS TRAINING FOR THE KALYANIITES



On 7th and 8th of October, 105 students of Grades IX and XI, went for the IAYP Adventure Journey to Tikona Farm, and Anjanvel Agro Farm, respectively, along with their teachers, coordinators, and security staff. The objective was to expose the students to adventurous situations, away from their known world; to teach them the skills to live in all conditions, do their own chores, learn teamwork and come close to nature. The children were excited to use their practice journey skills of pitching tents, making their own food and doing challenging activities without the direct intervention of their teachers or parents. It was indeed a thrilling and educational experience for the Kalyaniites. Located amidst the natural beauty of Pune, the Tikona Farm and Anjanvel Agro Farm, offered a wide range of activities that not only pushed them to their limits but also taught them valuable skills and fostered a sense of teamwork.



One of the highlights of the journey was the pottery-making workshop, under the guidance of skilled artisans. It was not only a creative outlet but also a lesson in patience and precision. Specially curated games kept the participants excited and busy. The number-game challenge was a fun and intellectually stimulating activity. It was a great exercise for our students' minds. They also learned the art of setting up and dismantling tents, a crucial skill for any outdoor adventure. They learned how to work together efficiently, ensuring safety and comfort during the night. Guided by experienced staff, the children also explored the farm under the moonlight. It was an opportunity to appreciate the serene beauty of nature and learn about nocturnal wildlife.





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The students also went trekking to the nearby hills, which was a challenging but rewarding adventure. The steep ascent tested their physical endurance, and the panoramic view from the hill was a breathtaking reward for their efforts. In the farm's outdoor kitchen, they had a hands-on cooking experience that instilled the importance of self-sufficiency. All their hard work was rewarded with delicious, farm-fresh food. The meals consisted of locally sourced ingredients and traditional dishes.

The Adventure Journey was indeed an unforgettable experience for the students. It provided a perfect blend of adventure, education, and fun. They not only enjoyed delicious food and thrilling activities, but also developed essential life skills and a deeper appreciation for nature, which will remain with them throughout life.







# RUN FOR FUN AT TKS

## A CELEBRATION OF HAPPY SPIRITS

Run for Fun, the annual sports event for the Elementary Grades, was conducted on 20th of October, at the TKS sports ground. The little ones enjoyed to their fullest, without the stress of winning, or threats of losing, in the sports they took part in.

After the opening speech by Principal, Mrs. Nirmal Waddan, and the hoisting of the Sports Flag, Director Mrs Deeksha Kalyani declared the Run for Fun event open. To begin the event, the students of Jr KG displayed their commendable coordination and rhythm in a colourful Ribbon Dance; the Flower Dance by the children of Sr. KG. followed it, to spell-bind the audience. After this, a message of good health was conveyed by the students of Grades I through the Yoga Drill.

Following the displays and drills, it was a delight to see the students of Jr KG run on the tracks to complete their allotted roles in the events - 'Chandrayan Mission', 'TKS Bus Service Station', 'Jack and Jill' and 'Grocery Shopping'. It was equally enjoyable to watch the children of Sr KG, take part in 'Monsoon Fun', 'The Pollinators Race', 'Race on Summer and Winter Seasons'. Grade I students looked equally excited in their games of 'Mix it Up', 'Lemon and Spoon' and 'Dressing- up'. In each of the races, the students displayed great team spirit and enthusiasm on the field. As is the tradition of the school, all the students were declared winners for all their efforts. The day was not only a triumph of their sporting skills, but more importantly, of their sporting spirits. Like every year, the children and their parents went home with their hearts full of cherished memories.

**You are never really playing an opponent. You are playing yourself, your own highest standards, and when you reach your limits, that is real joy.**

**- Arthur Ashe**







# SPORTS DAY AT TKS

## A CELEBRATION OF HAPPY SPIRITS

Sports Day is perhaps one of the most awaited days in every student's life. And when it comes to TKS Sports Day, it becomes all the more so, because of the variety of events and the plethora of skills displayed by each and every Kalyaniite on the field. This year too, on 21st of October, the students geared up for the final occasion, with remarkable zeal and verve. The finalists were selected for the main events through the heats, which began in the early weeks of September.



**"Champions aren't made in the gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them -- a desire, a dream, a vision."**

• Muhammad Ali

The event commenced with a grand opening ceremony. Director, Mrs. Deeksha Kalyani and Principal, Mrs. Nirmal Waddan, in their speeches, emphasized the importance of sports in education and encouraged the students to give their best. The Dignitaries encouraged the students to keep up the sporting spirit not only on the fields, but in every other occasion of life, too.

The participants performed their best as usual, and the score chart was kept active with the totals rising, all the while. But what was more encouraging than the display of skills on the fields, was the positive spirit of all the Kalyaniites. They were seen enthusiastically cheering and encouraging the participants, irrespective of the Grades and Houses. The sense of unity and support within the school community was truly remarkable.

The Sports Day of TKS is all the more remarkable, because other than the regular races and events, there is always a number of other non-competitive physical activities too.

This year, there were colourful and musical demonstrations presented by the students of all Grades, under the supervision of their mentors. The students took part in a Fitness Drill, Ball Drill, Parachute Drill and Karate. The Lezim presentation was another treat for the eyes. The expertise of the students in each, was greatly appreciated by the cheering spectators. Another highlight of the event was the Parents' race, which like every year, was indeed greatly enjoyed by the parent participants and the spectators.







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## A CELEBRATION OF HAPPY SPIRITS

Sports Day in TKS is also marked as the last day of all the school Competitions. And therefore, the scores of all the Inter-House Competitions conducted throughout the year, are counted together with the scores of Sports Day events. This year the highest number of points was won by Godavari House, who lifted the prestigious Rolling Trophy, an award for their remarkable performance in every school event.

The day was a resounding success as it is every year. The students, though exhausted with their performances and cheering, enjoyed every moment of the day, and had their hearts full. The parents and guests appreciated the school, especially the sports facilitators, for the spectacular event. It was indeed a celebration of physical skills, camaraderie and togetherness, and the memories will be treasured and cherished for years to come.







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## A CELEBRATION OF HAPPY SPIRITS







## SPECIAL ASSEMBLY - GRADE IX C



The students of Grade IX C presented their Special Assembly on World Animal Welfare Day on 4th of October. The Assembly aimed to raise awareness about the importance of animal welfare and to encourage responsible stewardship of animals. The students emphasized the significance of the day, and conducted an engaging quiz that tested the knowledge of the audience, about various aspects of animal welfare. The highlight of the Assembly was an impactful skit that portrayed real-life situations, highlighting the challenges faced by animals, and the role of humans in their well-being. It also showcased acts of compassion and care towards animals, promoting a sense of responsibility. The emotional connection between humans and animals was beautifully expressed, through a touching song and an energetic dance performance.



These presentations reinforced the message of empathy and compassion towards animals. The students also provided insights into the history of World Animal Welfare Day. It highlighted the global efforts to protect and care for animals, and inspired everyone to contribute to this cause. The Assembly concluded with all students taking a solemn pledge to treat animals with kindness and respect, promising to be responsible and compassionate advocates for animal welfare in their lives. The event received heartfelt appreciation from everyone present. It showcased the school's commitment to instilling the values of empathy and responsible citizenship in the students, and fostering a brighter future for animals and humanity alike.



**Animals have hearts that feel, eyes that see, and families to care for, just like you and me.**

**-Anthony Douglas William**



## SPECIAL ASSEMBLY - JR. KG A



World Post Day is celebrated on the 9th of October every year. It is the anniversary of the Universal Postal Union, which marked the beginning of the global communications revolution, introducing the ability to write letters to others all over the world and its invaluable contribution to global social and economic development. The students of Jr. KG A presented their Special Assembly on this topic on 10th of October. The students performed a skit illustrating the contributions of the postal workers, for centuries. They sang 'Postman Pat' and presented a foot tapping dance on the tune. They also conducted a quiz on the topic, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. Each child performed their role with pride and confidence, and brought the programme to a successful finish.







## SPECIAL ASSEMBLY - GRADE V D



Grade V D presented their Special Assembly on 5th of October on World Teachers' Day. The programme commenced with a brief introduction on the significance of the day. The students shared insights into its history, and its importance in acknowledging the pivotal role teachers play in shaping young minds and society. Fascinating facts about teachers from around the world were presented, showcasing the diverse roles and responsibilities educators hold beyond classroom teachings. The highlight of the assembly was a heartwarming choir performance. The children sang a touching song dedicated to their teachers, expressing gratitude for their unwavering love, support, and guidance. As the choir sang, a video played in the background, featuring pictures of students with their teachers, creating a poignant and emotional atmosphere.



**"Teachers have three loves: love of learning, love of learners, and the love of bringing the first two loves together." -Scott Hayden**



A thought-provoking skit was performed, emphasizing that the importance of teachers is not confined to classrooms alone. The skit portrayed how life situations, challenges, and the individuals around us can impart invaluable life lessons. An energetic and rhythmic dance performance followed, where students thanked their teachers, whole-heartedly. The Assembly concluded by highlighting that teachers come in various forms – as parents and grandparents, the nature that surrounds us, and even through the challenges we face. It emphasized the importance of being open to learning from diverse sources, which shape us into well-rounded individuals. The students' confident, expressive, and well-coordinated presentation was highly praised by the audience. The Assembly successfully left a lasting impact on everyone present.







## SPECIAL ASSEMBLY - GRADE V C



The students of Grade V C presented their Special Assembly on - 'World Sight Day', on 12th of October. To begin with, they showcased some amazing facts about the day, which was followed by a drama, emphasizing the need for early detection of disorders of vision, and timely intervention to prevent and treat various eye conditions. Then, the students presented a soulful song that touched the hearts of everyone present, reminding everyone of the profound significance of having the gift of vision. They conveyed the message that sight is not just a physical ability, but also a gateway to experiencing the world in all its vivid beauty and wonder. A prayer dance dedicated to the theme of gratitude, further added depth to the Assembly. As a symbol of solidarity, all the students took selfies, wearing glares to support the 'Love Your Eyes at Work' campaign, initiated by the 'International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness'. The Assembly successfully demonstrated the power of positive change, and the need to spread awareness on crucial issues.



## SPECIAL ASSEMBLY - GRADE XI B



The Grade XI-B Assembly held on October 25th, was a delightful portrayal to share the significance of Dussehra, also known as Vijayadashami or 'the day of victory'. The morning commenced with an insightful introduction to the topic, setting the tone for the event. The regular elements added depth and variety to the Assembly, engaging the audience in diverse ways.

The presentation of an engaging skit by the children, was the highlight of the event. Through it, they not only depicted the essence of Dussehra, but also skillfully linked it with prevailing social evils, that need to be remedied. The message was clear - by altering our perspectives, we can triumph over these issues. The cultural aspect of the Assembly was beautifully represented through enchanting dance performances. The students' graceful movements and vibrant choreography, added a colourful dimension to the event, captivating the attention of everyone present. In summary, the Grade XI-B Assembly on Dussehra, was an enriching and enjoyable experience for students, teachers, and parents alike.







## SPECIAL ASSEMBLY - GRADE VI A



Every year, 8th October is observed as Indian Air Force Day in India. The day is celebrated to commemorate the formation of the Indian Air Force, in 1932. The students of Grade VI A presented their Special Assembly on this theme on 10th of October. The objective of the Assembly was to show respect to the valour of the Param Veer Chakra awardee, Flying officer Nirmaljith Singh Sekhon. The assembly started with the regular elements. After that, the students presented a short skit on the 1971 Indo-Pak War, emphasizing on the contribution of Flying officer Nirmaljith Singh Sekhon, in protecting the country against enemy forces. The children enacted how this valiant air warrior, single handedly fought with 6 Pakistani sabre jets, and brought victory to the Nation. Following this, a melodious patriotic song was sung, to pay tribute to all the brave-hearts, who sacrifice their lives on the battle fields, so that we can live in peace. The Assembly on Air Force Day was a success, and it left a lasting impression on the minds of the audience. It instilled in them a sense of patriotism and respect for our Armed Forces.



## SPECIAL ASSEMBLY - GRADE IX D



On 11th of October, Grade IX-D conducted a unique assembly in recognition of National Cinema Day. The objective of this Assembly was to enlighten the students and the audience about the rich history and culture of Indian cinema. It started with a warm welcome speech, followed by a presentation of the day's news and the regular elements.



The students orchestrated an engaging presentation through a well-directed skit, which was the highlight of the event. They performed scenes from renowned Indian movies, which closely reflect The Kalyani School Core Values. They used a variety of components to make the event an entertaining, as well as, a learning experience. In one scene from the film 'Lagaan,' the values of dignity and equity were portrayed. 'Three Idiots' provided a platform to reflect sincerity, while 'Gunjan Saxena' highlighted the essence of grit and excellence. The programme also featured a musical presentation from 'Three Idiots,' emphasizing the value of empathy. A captivating dance performance inspired by 'Uri' showcased the theme of nationalism in Indian cinema. The Assembly concluded with an insightful reflection on the rich culture and values inherent in Indian cinema. The students' heartfelt presentation ensured that the audience had a truly memorable experience.





## SPECIAL ASSEMBLY - GRADE XI A



World Students Day is celebrated in honour of the late former president of India, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, a true visionary who epitomized passion, dedication, and unwavering support for students. A Special Assembly was presented by Grade XI A, on 18th of October, to commemorate this day. The event began with the introduction of the topic, followed by the regular elements of the day, including the News around the World, Dadi Maa ke Nuskhe and the Thought of the Day. The students shared some interesting facts about Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. They performed a short skit to demonstrate the role of an educator in the lives of students. They portrayed that a teacher does not only help students to get good marks, but most importantly, shapes them into skilled and well-rounded individuals. Following this, the students performed a dance reflecting the same theme. The presentation was a very enjoyable experience for the students, teachers and parents alike.



## SPECIAL ASSEMBLY - GRADE VII B



The Special Assembly of Grade VII B was conducted on 17th of October, to celebrate World Food Day, which is celebrated on the 16th of October every year. It is a global event dedicated to raising awareness about, and putting the spotlight on the global challenge of hunger and malnutrition. The objective of the Assembly was to emphasise on the necessity of equal access to food and water, promote sustainable agricultural practices, and raise awareness about food-related issues. The students presented a small skit to educate and highlight the food wastage in our community. The play was scripted to emphasize the vital need for food preservation. It included a video interview of the cafeteria staff by the students, wherein they showed the Waste Food Management System followed in TKS. It also had a virtual interview of a member of the Robin Hood Army, which is a volunteer-based, zero-funds organization that works to get surplus food from restaurants and the community, to serve less fortunate people. A melodious song was presented by the students following this. A dance on the song 'Poshan', was performed by them, which highlighted the issue of malnutrition in our country and the importance of 'annaprashana'. They used various posters demonstrating slogans on malnourishment. The Assembly was well prepared and presented, which gave not only valuable information, but a lot of food for thought as well.







## FORM MORNING GRADE VIII

The students of Grade VIII presented their Form morning on 13th of October, on the very enchanting story of 'Mary Poppins'. The theme is that of redemption. We see how a family is caught by the trappings of their work and the stress of everyday life, and lose sight of the one thing that matters the most - family. The story sends out strong messages on family bonding, women's empowerment and discipline.



The presentation was a delightful blend of drama, dance, and music. Looking brilliant in their costumes, the students showcased a wonderful display of talent, transporting the audience to the whimsical world of Mary Poppins. Their enthusiasm was palpable as they portrayed iconic scenes with remarkable ease; their acting, dance performances and renditions of melodious songs, were praiseworthy. The vibrant mix of artwork and sound effects further left the audience enchanted. It was the first time at TKS that special effects were used to show a flying Mary Poppins. This left the audience spellbound.







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It was evident that the hard work and dedication of the entire team and the students paid off, making the event enjoyable and memorable. The grand presentation showcased the diverse talents of the children, highlighting their holistic development, extending beyond traditional textbooks and classroom learning. The students cherished the opportunity to create lasting memories, by sharing valuable moments with their friends and facilitators, fostering enduring connections for a lifetime.







## OUR ALUMNI SPEAK



### **Rohan Venkatesh - Alumnus - 2022-2023**

#### **Currently Pursuing - B.S Aerospace Engineering, Purdue University**

I am interested in science and space research, as well as designing and building rockets. This is one of the main reasons I am studying Aerospace Engineering. I studied in TKS in Grades XI and XII. I applied to 14 universities in the US and got accepted by 11 of them, and now I am studying Aerospace Engineering at Purdue University. Throughout my application process, I received extensive support from the TKS Counselling Cell. For instance, I planned to do an internship during the summer vacation, when I was in Grade XII. The School Management and Counsellors sent a letter to the institution, and facilitated the internship. The school teachers also gave me Letters of Recommendation that were unique and true to my nature. I received their continuous support and encouragement during the entire application process. Counsellor, Aarohi Ma'am, also helped me by sending my transcripts promptly, to the schools I applied to. When my classmate, Iraaj and I had planned to host a charity sports event, which was the highlight of our final year of school, Arohi Ma'am gave us a lot of support in the process of getting the required approval to conduct the event. I definitely feel that TKS played a huge role in my admission to Purdue.

### **Siya Tanwar - Alumnus - 2022- 2023**

#### **Currently studying Veterinary Medicine and Surgery at the University of Nottingham, UK.**

My hobby is dancing. I am a trained ballet dancer and I look forward to learning more and different types of dance styles. I am also a passionate environmentalist and strongly believe in plastic segregation and recycling. I absolutely love animals, especially giraffes. TKS gave me a lot of opportunities to develop my interest in different fields. I was encouraged to develop a varied portfolio, whilst still keeping focus on my academics.

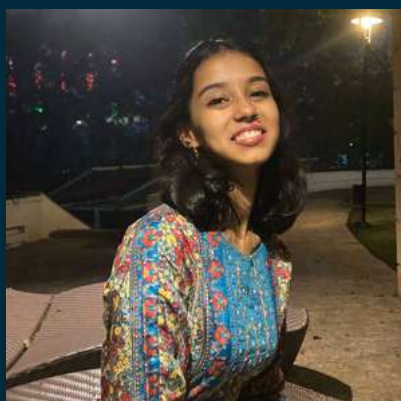
### **Yash Dhage - Alumni - 2022-2023**

#### **Currently Pursuing - Math and Computing, IIT Jammu**

I like playing pool and basketball. I am interested in reading fiction books as well as self-help books. TKS has helped me to apply to different colleges. The teachers facilitated my progress, by regularly giving me challenging questions and pushing me to do better in my academics. The school developed my personality in all aspects.



**ROHAN**



**SIYA**



**YASH**





# KINDER PYJAMA PARTY



On Friday, 13th of October, the Kinder Team organized a 'Pyjama Party' for the Kindergarten classes. The little children arrived in their colourful pyjamas, carrying their favourite soft toy and comforter, all bursting with enthusiasm and set to participate in the tasks curated for them by their teachers.

To begin with, the students were given some hot chocolate for their fruit break, which they thoroughly enjoyed. In the afternoon after their lunch, they went to the MPH and had a fun filled afternoon. They watched a short movie, 'Munki and Trunk', and had some popcorn with it. After the movie, they all cuddled their soft toys and went to sleep. The children were thrilled to share their experiences with their friends. They spoke about their favourite toys and also their colourful night wear. At the end of the day, they left the school brimming with excitement, looking forward to newer experiences in the coming months.







# KINDER STORY TELLING SESSION



The little children of the Elementary Grades participated in a 'Story Telling' session on 25th, 26th and 27th October, 2023. Each child was assigned one prop out of a story cube, story cards, and stick puppets, and were also given a few story options. The children prepared their props and stories, and presented them in class for their peers and teachers. They made a great effort and enjoyed narrating their stories. A few of them even narrated their own stories. The session allowed each child to hone their story telling skills, improve their language fluency and develop confidence. The event was definitely a success, and all the students had quite an enjoyable time listening to their friends and sharing their own stories.



## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

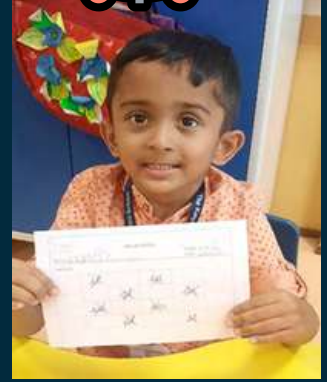


The Elementary Grade facilitators conducted Experiential Learning Day on 31st of October, and celebrated Orange Day. The Jr. KG children began with a fun-filled game of Bingo to revise the sight words, and also revised backward counting through a game. The Sr. KG students started their day by painting diyas with different vibrant colours. This was followed by revisiting the blend words. They went on to make crocodiles with ice-cream sticks, which will be later used as a learning resource in class. The children played some games on the Halloween theme, like - pin the nose on the ghost and a witch hat ring toss for fun. This was followed by some fireless cooking. The Jr. KG Chefs made carrot laddoos using simple ingredients like desiccated coconut, grated carrots, condensed milk and dry fruits, while the Sr. KG children made orange fruit punch with oranges, tang, water, apples and kiwis. After lunch, the children were engaged in some exciting craft activities. The creative little Jr. KG children used waste chart paper cutouts, to make Halloween pumpkins, and the Sr. KG children made gold fish stick puppets which they took home. The day ended with many happy memories, learning and enjoyment.





# EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING



The students of Grade I also had a lot of fun on their fifth 'Experiential Learning Day'. They began the day with a practice session of Form Morning, which is just round the corner. This was followed by an oral activity, where the students designed a unique animal, and spoke about it. The creative acumen of the students as they came up with fantastic imaginary animals, was truly amazing. The energetic day of fun and learning ended with the children making fans with colourful papers, travel brochures and a collage on Goa, as a part of their 'Mad About India' project. It was indeed a day to remember, and the children went home brimming with joy.





# STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME - A PILOT PROGRAMME



The Kalyani School has taken the initiative to launch their first Student Exchange Programme, with the objective to further goodwill and understanding of the students of other institutions, and give the Kalyaniites, the opportunities to broaden their outlook. Under this Programme, ten students of The Kalyani School had a fun-filled learning experience, when they interacted with those of The Shri Ram School (TSRS), Aravali, Delhi. TKS students visited TSRS from 9th - 13th of October, accompanied by their facilitators, Manisha Ma'am and Prasuna Ma'am.

The students were all excited to meet their TSRS counterparts at school. On reaching the school, they were welcomed by Principal, Mrs. Sapna Dimri and Vice-principal Mrs. Geetika Lidder, and then taken for a school tour by their buddies. On the first day, they spent time playing board games and getting to know each other. The second day was packed with special activities planned just for the TKS-TSRS cohort of 21 students. It began with a music class in which students learned the prayer, 'tan ho sundar, man ho sundar'. They took part in a fun filled drama session in the MBR auditorium; after which they had an opportunity to understand the light and sound panels in the control room of the auditorium. An energetic Basketball match followed after that. Post lunch, the students tried their hands in the art room, painting Madhubani Art. The day ended with the 'Round Square', a programme in which they had to identify important values and responsibilities, and suggest better practices which would help Mother Nature.





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The third day was earmarked as an infotainment day. The students were taken on a tour of the famous places in Delhi; they had a glimpse of India Gate, the Nehru Planetarium and the Delhi Haat. They not only learned a lot about the city, but also had fun bargaining and shopping, revealing their skills at making decisions and buying souvenirs for their family. On the next day, they visited the Rashtrapati Bhavan and the President's Sangrahalay. Then they visited Humayun's Tomb to observe its beauty and architecture. The evening was packed with entertaining activities and a cultural programme, where both schools performed dances, and sang a prayer song together.



On the last day, the students visited the SRF School, an institution for underprivileged children, where they enjoyed many group activities. The visit ended with a quick 'Debrief' meeting, held at the conference room with the Principal, Vice Principal and the team of teachers, to reflect on their learning during the programme. This awaited pilot program of the school, 'The Student Exchange' was a grand success, and the students returned with a treasure of experiences and memories. The school is looking forward to the second part of this exchange programme, when TSRS students and teachers will visit TKS in January 2024.





# KAUN BANEGA KALYANI CHAMPION (KBKC)

In a relentless pursuit of realizing the latent potential of the young Kalyaniites, and continuously refining their skills year after year, The Kalyani School seamlessly integrates enriching activities within its curriculum. These endeavours extend beyond the mere transmission of knowledge, as they also serve as tools to inculcate and nurture vital life skills in our students.



A veritable jewel in the primary school's annual agenda is the 'Kaun Banega Kalyani Champion', an event of prestige and status. This distinctive occasion draws its inspiration from the illustrious television program, 'Kaun Banega Crorepati', and has become a much-anticipated tradition for the students of Grades III to V. This prestigious event that had embarked on its journey in the virtual mode in 2020, has since been on an unceasing trajectory of growing prestige and popularity, with each passing year.

Every year, through preliminary class rounds, one student from every section of Grades III to V, is chosen for the final round, based on their intellectual acumen. On 31st of October the final round was conducted in the presence of the school dignitaries, teachers and students. The event took place in three captivating rounds, initiating with the 'Lingua Franca' round, which is a mosaic of language-based inquiries. It was followed by the STEM round, and was rounded up with the pulse-quickenning Rapid-fire round. Throughout the competition, the students showcased an extraordinary display of teamwork, intellectual keenness, and quick thinking. The winning team was felicitated by the Judges, who were duly impressed. The audience left the auditorium, eagerly anticipative of the forthcoming edition of the 'Kaun Banega Kalyani Champion'.

## 2ND RUNNER-UP

III-C- Tashvi Goyal, Prisha Patel  
IV-C- Advik Tibrewala, Nilanshu Probhakar  
V-C- Tanvi Nigam, Vihaan Nagre

## 1ST RUNNER-UP

III-A- Aadil Shaikh, Anusha Agarwal  
IV-A- Atharv Tiwari, Ansh Bhutada  
V-A- Advaith, Ira Khandelwal

## WINNERS

III-B- Anusha Choudhary, Sadiya Shaikh  
IV-B- Riddhiman Dash, Karthikeya  
V-B- Sruti Palasala, Hrida Gawade



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