

NEWSLETTER - AUGUST-2023

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The Dictionary meaning of August, is 'inspiring reverence or admiration; of supreme dignity or grandeur; majestic'. In keeping with the name, the Kalyaniites curated the month with events and activities to etch a mark in the year. We explored and shaped our monthly journey through our Independence Day celebrations, Form Mornings, Assemblies, and above all, the English events; besides giving our unwavering attention to academics.

It is well known that in the premises of our school, we encourage and foster change; we celebrate diversity; we cheer challenges through all our endeavours. We have embraced the digital age with open arms, and have been amply rewarded, especially during the days when we had to revert to online classes, due to unforeseen circumstances. The students and teachers constantly engage in stimulating activities, which both enrich and excite their minds and hearts. But while we are all for change, and as we venture into newer territories in the future, we do not compromise with our anchors. So, we also pledge to remain steadfast in upholding our principles, ensuring that progress is accompanied by ethical practices and compassion. August has been an august month indeed, but we pledge to make the next ones no less.

Soma Ghosh

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"It is never
too late to
be what
you might
have
been."
– George
Eliot



They Do Us PROUD



Srinisha Das of Grade II, has recently been declared as the winner of the prestigious Zonal & International IMO. She had participated in the event in the previous year. She has received a Medal and Certificates for this international rank. We are very proud of her outstanding achievement at this young age. May she go from strength to strength.



On 13th of August, The Kalyani School students participated in the All India Independence Cup International Karate Championship, at the Talkatora Stadium, Delhi. They all performed commendably and won many accolades. Tanmay Kargupta of Grade VIII, secured the 2nd Position and was awarded a Silver Medal and Certificate. We congratulate them on their achievement, and wish them more success in the future too.



Hitansh Jain does it again!! He was declared the Best Player in the Chess Championship organized at the G.H. Rasoni Engineering College, Pune, on 10th of August. He was the Winner of the 1st Prize in the Under-14 category. He was awarded with a Bicycle, Medal and Certificate. We wish the Champ all the best in all his future ventures too. Way to go Hitansh!!



Hridhaan Shah has secured the 2nd Position in the Boys Under-15 Category, in the Junior Squash Open Championship, at the Khelshala Stadium. His success stories continue uninterrupted, and he has made every Kalyaniite proud of his achievements. We pray for more glory for him, in the years to come.

They had also participated in the West India Karate Championship held at Manohar Parikar Stadium, Goa between 5th and 28th of August, and kept up their commendable performances there too. Tanmay Kargupta of Grade VIII won the Bronze Medal.



The Kalyaniites left their marks at the Inter-school MUN Competition, at Vikhe Patil School, on 19th and 20th of August. Out of 150 participants, Rishit Patidar, of Grade XI, received the Third Position with his commendable presentation. He was awarded a cash prize, along with a trophy and Certificate. We are proud of his achievement, and wish him more success.



They Do Us PROUD

August has rained incessant success on our school. Our U-17 Boys' team won the Finals at the Lexicon Futsal Competition by 3-1. There is more good news from the Girls' team. They too won the Finals by 2-0.



The TKS U-14 Girls' Basketball team won the Jr. NBA State Championship, conducted by Reliance Foundation, on 27th of August. We congratulate their astounding success. They are now going to play the Jr. NBA National in Noida. The Boys' team have also done us proud, by securing the 4th position in the Jr NBA Championship.



On 26th and 27th of August, The Kalyani School Debaters, took part in the Behes - Debate for All Competition, conducted by The HDFC School. The participants gave an exemplary display of their skills of public speaking, critical thinking ability, and communication. The Maha-Behes, which is to be conducted in the later part of the year, will see the Competition on a National platform. We are indeed proud to announce that the following students in the Cubs and Lions categories, have made it to the Maha-Behes level. We wish them all the best for their journey ahead.

Cubs

**Shreeman Advik
Mayan Shreedharan
Ajinkya Dhemabri
Garv Bhuttan
Aayush Jha
Aayan Anand
Viha Sharma
Shanaya Kochar
Mokshet Jain
Arjun Choudhry**

Lions

**Drishti Agarwal
Suvir Arora
Pakhi Pardesi
Dhruv Iyer
Nitya Kati
Atreya Khose**

On 25th of August, the Under-17 budding cricketers of The Kalyani School, won the Final Match, conducted by the Zilla Parishad. They played against MIT, Pune, and won by 34 runs. We congratulate them for their consistent success in the sport, and wish them an unbeatable journey ahead.



They Do Us

PROUD

Not only did the Kalyaniites make their mark in the field of sports, in August. With immense pride, we announce that in the Annual 'Shri Sabrang' Inter-School Competitions conducted by Shri Educare Ltd, in the last week of the month, our children outshone every other participating school, and won the Overall Champions Trophy.

Some Highlights of Shri Sabrang

The Competitions were challenging and innovative, seamlessly blending education and entertainment. 'Bright Reports' was the prominent literary component of the interschool extravaganza, which bore witness to an enthusiastic participation from Grades III, IV and V scholars, who showcased an exemplary embodiment of unwavering dedication through their intricate research, discerning content curation, systematic groundwork, and immaculate presentations. In the Mathematical events, the young students of Grades IV and V were challenged with the mission to craft an engaging RAP, elucidating diverse mathematical concepts and operations, where the Kalyaniites expressed themselves with eloquence and flair.



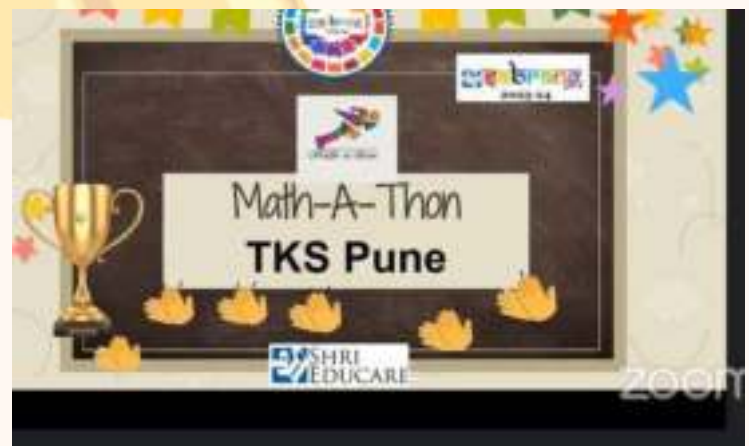
They Do Us PROUD

Some Highlights of Shri Sabrang

The students from Grades VI and VII participated in the event with enthusiasm and dedication. They prepared PowerPoint presentations and videos to present their ideas and findings on sustainable development. This process not only enhanced their research skills but also honed their ability to communicate effectively.

The Hindi Nukkad Natak, presented by the students of Grade IX, was equally applauded and acknowledged. For the first time, the Sanskrit language was also included in Sabrang, and the students had to integrate it with the topic, 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. They made their presentation on Clean Water and Sanitation, through a PPT, which reflected their skills and supreme confidence.

The Math-a-Thon Shri Sabrang Event was another excellent opportunity for Grade VI, VII and VIII students to apply their mathematical skills creatively and to contribute to the solving of real-world issues. The students used mathematical tools, 3D models and animated PPTs and interesting culinary recipes to present their solutions. 'Pitch Perfect' and 'Biz Quiz' were hosted primarily for the students from the Commerce Stream. The students presented their sales pitch for successful business schemes. During the Quiz, they were very responsive and quick with answers, and throughout the event the enthusiasm level was a sight to watch. The Shri Ignite event witnessed the remarkable prowess of Grade XII participants. At the 'Tech-a-Thon Competition' they demonstrated their ingenuity and technical acumen, and crafted a sophisticated web scraping application, enhanced with a neural network.



Experiential Learning

On 31st of July, the students of Junior School had their Experiential Learning Day, which gave them the opportunity to apply their theoretical learnings in a real-world situation. The students of the Elementary Section celebrated Yellow Day. They came to school dressed in yellow and enjoyed a variety of activities centred on the colour yellow. A craft activity of a paper duck was made by the Sr. KG children, and they watched the story of The Ugly Duckling too, as part of the activity. The Jr. KG students did a craft activity where they made My Big Yellow Book. Later, all the children enjoyed making corn chaat in the 'fireless cooking activity of the month'.



Following this, each child presented a Show and Tell on 'My Little Plant'. Three students from each class were selected to recite poems for their classmates from 'A Morning of Verse'. The children also attended a workshop on Light Channelling, after which they went home with happy memories. In Grade I, the day started with Mass P.T. followed by a 'Light Channeling' session, so that the children could begin on an energetic and positive note. After that, they designed masks, representing the culture of Maharashtra and Goa. They decorated the masks with colourful feathers, strips of papers and stickers. The objective of this activity was to enhance their learning about different types of masks used by different tribes in Maharashtra and Goa. Later, they designed dresses for a particular season of their choice. They also spoke about the fabric used. Through this activity, the students learnt about different types of clothes worn on different occasions and seasons. This also gave them the opportunity to showcase their creativity. The little ones enjoyed this day by learning through enjoyable and hands-on experiences.

In Grade II, the first event of the day was an introduction to the FLIP app, which is a digital storybook application that brings stories to life. These apps are designed to make reading more engaging. The students were able to enhance their reading and cognitive skills, via interactive stories. After an informative and fun session, the little poets were presented their linguistic skills through a Hindi and Marathi Recitation activity. Following that, it was time for the children to stretch their muscles and build their stamina in a Mass Drill, held in the central courtyard. The rigorous workout was followed by Light Channelling. The day was wrapped up with a craft activity, where the students made paper dragons from Sikkim. (Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat).





Conscious Parenting

Jr.KG – Grade III

On 31st of July, a workshop on Conscious Parenting was arranged by the SEN Department, for the parents of Jr. KG to Grade III. The Objective of the Workshop was to introduce the concept to highlight its principles and benefits, to encourage parents to engage in regular self-reflection and to provide them with effective communication techniques. The session aimed to explore different parenting styles, and to provide insights on how self-reflection can enhance one's approach to children.



The facilitators spoke about the need for parents to recognize their own triggers, biases, and emotional patterns, and reflect on how these factors influence their parenting decisions. They were told that through positive discipline techniques and open communication, they can validate their children's emotions, and create a non-judgemental and safe space for free expression. They also understood the importance of modelling emotional resilience and self-regulation, in order to enable children to develop these crucial skills in the long run.

By the end of the session, the parents were able to grasp the fundamental principles of conscious parenting, including mindfulness, empathy, and non-reactive communication.

They promised to endeavour to replace punitive measures, with positive discipline techniques that focus on teaching and guiding children toward responsible behaviour. In a nutshell, the session emphasized the importance of self-awareness and reflection, as foundational tools for nurturing a meaningful and enriching parent-child relationship.

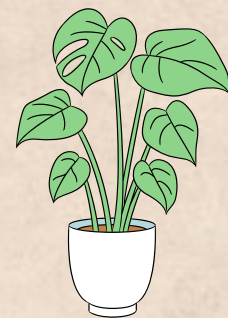
It was an interactive workshop, with an open platform for questions and discussions. The parents were very appreciative of the topic and strategies provided, and asked for similar sessions in the future.

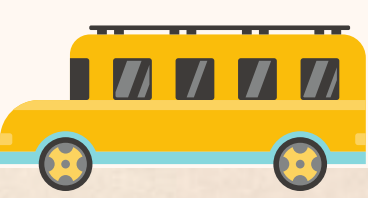


Field Trip - Sr. KG



The Sr.KG students were taken on a field trip to More Nursery to make them aware of the importance of plants. The trip was integrated with their EVS topic on Plant Life. The visit was a very enjoyable experience, where children learned some interesting names of plants, which were related to animals, like monkey cactus, dolphin tail plant, snake plant etc. They also felt the texture of the different types of soil, and collected some in small pots. They noticed the different shapes and colours of the leaves. They were also shown the plants that had a pleasant fragrance, and many other plants that are used to make medicines. The children were able to relate and speak about the plants that they have in their homes, and how they take care of them. The most exciting part was when each child, teacher, didi and bus driver were given a small plant as a take-away, from the owner of More Nursery. The trip to the Nursery was a very informative and enjoyable one. The students had a memorable time.





Field Trip - Grade XII

On 28th of August, the Grade XII students of Psychology were taken on a field trip to the Mukhtangan Rehabilitation Centre. It was an educational and informative field trip, which was made with the purpose of gaining an insight into the operations of the centre, and to understand the challenges and efforts involved in rehabilitating individuals struggling with addiction. The visit was an eye-opening experience for all. It shed light on the importance of rehabilitation centres, in providing support and guidance to individuals dealing with addiction. The students learned about the dedication of the centre's staff, and the hard work that goes into helping residents to reclaim their lives. This trip not only enriched their understanding of addiction, but also instilled in them a sense of compassion and empathy, for those struggling with such challenges.





Fuel to Fly



Two teams comprising three students each, from Grades XI & XII, participated in the 'Fuel to Fly' event at The Lexicon Entrepreneurship Conclave 2023, organized by The Lexicon International School, Wagholi, on 25th of July. The objective of the event was to engage students in hands-on-experiences, which would empower them to connect their classroom theoretical lessons to real-world situations, in a better way. Twenty eight teams from different schools participated in this event, which provided the students with an opportunity to unlock their minds to interdisciplinary careers in Management and Entrepreneurship. It also allowed them to explore various aspects of entrepreneurship, and learn how to implement these in the creation of a Business Plan. The event provided the students a platform to learn by doing.





TKS Visit to a Zilla Parishad School

The Kalyaniites believe in contributing to the society in every possible way. And so, in continuation with the support programme for the Zilla Parishad School, Theur, two teachers were sent there on 31st of July, to conduct teaching and learning sessions for their students. A follow-up visit was arranged for the school again on 18th of August.

The students were eagerly waiting to learn something new, and welcomed the TKS teachers with great enthusiasm. The mentors conducted three different activities, to ensure that they enjoyed themselves, while they learnt the English language. The teachers of the Zilla Parishad School were impressed to see their students picking up new words, and responding correctly by simply imitating the teacher. This was followed by a session on the important topic of 'First Aid'. This helped students to understand the simple steps, to be taken in case of minor injuries. Drawing books and colours were distributed so that these children would enjoy Art activities, which are indeed essential for a student's holistic development. The children were overwhelmed when they received their individual copy of drawing books.

During the second visit, the mentors conducted a hands-on craft activity for the festive season, for the students of Grades I, II and III. They were taught how to make Rakhis. The end result was 'Learning with Fun', which the children enjoyed a lot. As a gesture of gratitude, they performed a Gondhal song on lezim, which was really appreciated. It was a thoughtful gesture and was amply rewarded by ample blessings from the receivers.





Reading Competition for ESL Students

Reading is one of the four essential skills to learn any language, which not only improves vocabulary, spelling and sentence formation but also enhances students' creative and critical thinking skills. Keeping this in mind, a 'Reading Competition' was organised for the ESL students of Grades II- V on 4th of August, to encourage the students to read regularly. The children were guided by their facilitators, right from the initial stages, to ensure that they prepared well. An elimination round was conducted a week prior to the final round, in which all the ESL students participated enthusiastically. Their performances were assessed on the parameters of Fluency, Clarity, Pace, Pronunciation and Voice Modulation. From each Grade, 5 students were selected for the Final Round. Each was given an unseen piece of text to be read from, on the spot. It was indeed gratifying to see the students reading so confidently on the stage. The event was judged by Ms. Batul Lamba, Vice Principal, Junior Section, and Ms. Levin Haider, English Teacher, Primary Section. At the end of the event, they expressed how impressed they were with the confident presentations, and the display of their aptitude for reading. They encouraged the children to read more and to read regularly.

The Winners of the Competition were:

Grade 2

1st position - Smaruddhi Swami

2nd position - Soham Mahajan

3rd position - AaroHi Shiral

Grade 4

1st position - Arini Ubale

2nd position - Rajveer Ghodke

3rd position - Aditya Gaikwad

Grade 3

1st position - Swamini Ghule

2nd position - Durva Jorwekar

3rd position - Advik Shinde

Grade 5

1st position - Sarthak Dhore

2nd position - Viraj Pote

3rd position - Sanika Nikalje



Hindi and Marathi Poem Recitation

A Hindi-Marathi Poetry recitation activity was conducted on 31st of July, for the Grade II students at the school Multipurpose Hall. The objective was to incite their respect and love for languages. A total of sixteen students participated in the event, of which eight students recited Hindi poems, while the other eight recited Marathi poems. During the presentation, the students used props and different pictures. All the teachers and students of Grade II attended and enjoyed the event.





Special Assembly - Sr. KG A

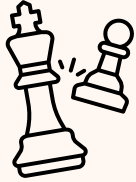
The students of Grade Sr. KG A presented their Special Assembly on 'World Emoji Day', which is celebrated every year on 17th of July, to honour the impact emojis have made in digital communication. The students presented a skit which focused on the importance of emotions, and the use of emoticons to express our feelings. A melodious song and foot tapping dance performance on the same theme, were part of the skit. Every child was given the opportunity to display his/her talent on the stage, and they did so confidently. As a little take away, all the parents who attended the assembly were given a badge with an emoji printed on it.



Special Assembly - Sr. KG B

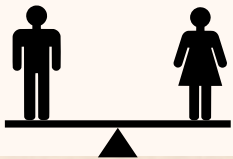
The students of Grade Sr. KG B presented their Special Assembly on 'Friendship Day', on 8th of August. After the regular elements of the Assembly, the students presented a melodious song on friendship. This was followed by a well performed skit that illustrated the meaning of true friendship. In the end, they also entertained the audience with a dance on the same theme. Each child spoke with confidence and took on their own roles with pride. The Assembly was a success and the children left the stage with a strong feeling of pride and accomplishment.





Special Assembly - Grade X C

Grade X C presented their Special Assembly on the topic, 'International Chess Day'. The programme began by highlighting the significance of games and sports in helping humanity survive in times of crisis by resolving anxieties, and improving mental health. While some outdoor sports activities can be difficult to conduct during periods like the corona virus outbreak, indoor sports like chess, has shown incredible persistence, adaptation, and very strong motivating powers. To pique the attention of the audience, the students conducted a Quiz to test their knowledge of chess. This was followed by a skit on the same subject, which demonstrated the chess pieces talking to one another about the roles they play in each position. It also emphasized how chess may boost focus and concentration in studies. A well choreographed dance was also presented, to add to the attraction of the Assembly. The well informed and researched event was highly appreciated by the audience.



Special Assembly - Grade III B

To commemorate the day when the women of America gained the constitutional right to vote, the students of Class III B put up their Special Assembly on the topic 'Women's Equality Day'. The students talked about some of the most pioneering women personalities around the world, who fought for the right of women, and made sure that they received all the privileges they deserved. It was followed by a heart-touching mime act. The children also shared information about today's women from small towns, who changed their own lives and those of their community, by their determined efforts to break stereotypes. This was followed by a dance performance, showcasing the students' artistic skills. The Assembly sent a strong message to the audience about the significant roles women play in developing a society, and that they should be respected and acknowledged for who they are.





Special Assembly - Grade VII A

On 14th of August, Grade VII A presented a Special Assembly on Independence Day, to remind us of the many sacrifices our brave soldiers made during the freedom movement, to get Independence from British rule. It was a tribute paid to the brave-hearts, without whose martyrdom, it would not have been possible to break the shackles of three hundred years of slavery. The students performed a musical skit, to give the audience a glimpse of how our freedom fighters gave up their lives to make our lives better. The children played their roles brilliantly and with great confidence. The songs they presented, reminded the audience of their responsibilities of being Indians. Everyone felt uplifted after watching the children's amazing performance.



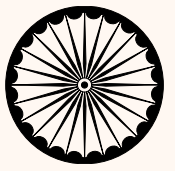
Special Assembly - Grade III C

The students of Grade III C presented their Special Assembly on World Lions' Day, on 10th of August. They delved into the captivating realm of lions, and highlighted their roles in preserving the eco-system. The need to preserve these royal beasts was well presented through the Assembly. Through a thoughtfully crafted skit, and well choreographed dance presentation, the children expressed the importance of safeguarding the rulers of the jungle. The theme of the Assembly and performances of the children left an indelible mark on the audience.





Special Assembly - Grade IV B



The Special Assembly of Grade IV B conducted on 17th of August, was dedicated to the historical 'Quit India Movement', which was an important milestone in India's struggle for Independence. The Assembly aimed to inspire the audience with Mahatma Gandhi's principles of truth, non violence and freedom. The students recounted how Gandhiji launched the Quit India Movement on 8th of August 1942, demanding an end to British colonial rule. They described the mass protests, Civil Disobedience, and the slogan "Do or Die" that echoed the resolve of Indians, to achieve freedom. The recitation of the timeless poem, 'Where the Mind is Without Fear' echoed the vision of an awakened and fearless India. A mime act, portrayed Gandhiji's ability to inspire and lead through peaceful means. The Assembly concluded with a dance performance, which encouraged everyone to adapt to the values of truth, non violence and unity, drawing inspiration from Gandhiji. The Assembly served a bridge between history and contemporary life, encouraging young minds to contribute to a better world.

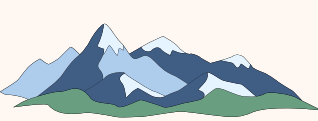


Special Assembly - III D



The students of Grade III D, conducted their Special Assembly on National Handloom Day on 3rd of August. The Assembly opened with the regular elements, followed by a beautiful thought of the day on the theme, along with some Amazing Facts. A short Swadeshi Movement video was shown to mark the beginning of handloom in India. The Movement which was launched on 7th August, 1905 had encouraged indigenous industries and in particular handloom weavers. In 2015, the Government of India decided to designate 7th August every year, as National Handloom Day. The students presented a small skit depicting the importance of Dastakar, which is a private, not-for-profit NGO, established in 1981, working to support traditional Indian craftspeople, especially village-based women. A poem by Sarojni Naidu was also recited by a few students. Their dance performance on a melodious song was also very well presented. All the children performed with confidence and were appreciated by one and all.





Special Assembly - Grade IX A

Every year on 1st of August, the world celebrates 'Mountain Climbing Day' to boost the spirit of exploration and curiosity. The Special Assembly of Grade IX A was presented on 2nd of August, on the same topic. It intended to spread awareness about the significance of mountain climbing, and the effects of such adventures, on mental and physical health. The Assembly started off with the morning prayer and news. Following this, the students discussed the objective behind celebrating this day. They conveyed how this special day commemorates the remarkable achievements of Bobby Matthews and Josh Madigan, who accomplished the extraordinary feat of climbing all the 46 peaks of the Adirondack Mountains, in New York. The students performed a skit which portrayed the life stories of renowned mountaineers, and also performed a dance to showcase the adventurous spirit of all mountaineers. In the end, the children also conveyed that it is time to take care of mountains. They are not just piles of stones, but a fundamental need for the existence of different species. The audience left with a lot of food for thought.



Special Assembly - Grade VII C

Every year, August 20th is observed as Sadhbhawna Diwas in remembrance of Late Shri Rajiv Gandhi, our 6th Prime Minister, on the occasion of his birthday. The students of Grade VII C presented their Special Assembly on 21st of August on this topic, to emphasize the importance of goodwill and peace in today's world. The Assembly started with an introduction to the topic and a welcome note. Following this, the students presented a short musical drama on the topic, to encourage peace, national integration and communal harmony among all religions, and reflected the values which would make our society a better place to live in. They presented a song on world peace and brotherhood. Through the Assembly, the students were able to inspire a feeling of harmony and peace, which was appreciated by the audience.





Special Assembly - Sr. KG C

In 1988, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed to raise awareness about issues that affect senior citizens and their quality of life. As a result, 21st August was declared as World Senior Citizens Day, to let our elders know how much we care. The students of Grade Sr. KG C presented their Special Assembly on 'World Senior Citizen's Day', on 22nd of August. They highlighted the various reasons we should respect and cherish our senior citizens through a skit. The programme started with a soulful song dedicated to the senior members of our society.



This was followed by a skit, that showed how small deeds can be done to make the older generation happy. The children also recited a poem highlighting the same topic. At the end of the Assembly, they performed a lively dance, which successfully showcased their skills. Each child spoke with confidence and performed on their own roles with pride. They left the stage with a strong feeling of pride and accomplishment.

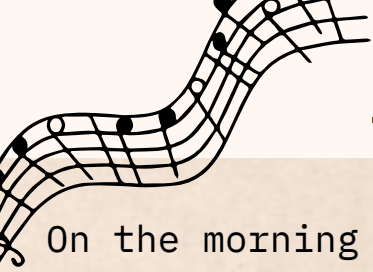




Staff Picnic

The entire staff of The Kalyani School, went for their annual day out to Serrano Resorts, Mulshi, on 5th of August. Every year this picnic is arranged, so that the TKS teachers and staff get an opportunity to de-stress and enjoy a day in the midst of nature, and friends. This year too, with much care, the Management selected a venue, where there were many adventurous activities, including a trek in the forest, a safari drive, rifle shooting, archery and more. Everyone enjoyed the refreshing downpour, and the vigorous sports, which were followed by a delicious lunch and high tea. The day was indeed a memorable one, and it left the teachers already planning for next year's venue.





Form Morning - Grade VI

On the morning of 4th of August, the Grade VI students delivered a power packed performance at their Annual Form Morning. The theme of this year's extravaganza was 'Matilda, The Musical'.

A classic by Roald Dahl, Matilda, is one of his most celebrated and loved books. It tells the story of a young girl named Matilda Wormwood, who is exceptionally intelligent and has a love for reading.

Despite her extraordinary abilities, Matilda faces a challenging life, as her parents and the cruel headmistress of her school, Miss Trunchbull, fail to recognize her potential. The strengths of the story, are in its memorable characters, engaging plot, and the use of wit and humour, throughout the narration. The fascinating story was presented in the form of a musical by the students, and they left no stone unturned, to do justice to this well-loved story. The performers enthralled the audience with their stunning performances on stage.



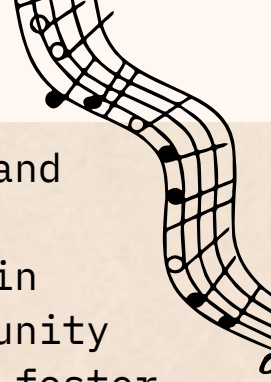
Form Morning - Grade VI



The drama, dances and songs, coupled with captivating backgrounds and resplendent lighting, brought together an unforgettable presentation. The parents were mesmerized by the entire presentation, which was evident in the way they gave encouraging feedback, to all the students and the mentors. The event left a lasting impression on the minds of all and added yet another feather in the hat of The Kalyani School Team.



Form Morning - Grade II



The Form Morning of Grade II created another positive and inclusive environment, where the little ones shone and received recognition for their unique abilities. Like in every event of TKS, the students were given the opportunity to showcase their talents, boost their confidence, and foster a sense of teamwork. They expressed their creative selves through the adaption of Rudyard Kipling's celebrated story, 'The Jungle Book.'



The story revolves around Mowgli, a young boy raised in the jungle by a pack of wolves. As he navigates the challenges of the jungle, Mowgli encounters various animal characters like Baloo the bear, Bagheera the panther, and the cunning tiger, Sher Khan. The drama also showcases Mowgli's adventures, his friendships, and his ultimate quest to find his place in the world. The dance performances and the musical numbers truly elevated the theme, adding an extra dose of glamour and excitement to the event.



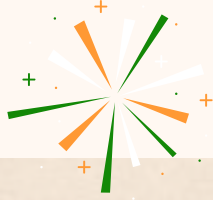
Form Morning - Grade II



The experience was a mesmerizing one, as the audience lived every moment of the exciting exploits, with the children on the stage. The Form Morning of Grade II was a success beyond any doubt.



Independence Day Celebration - 2023



The students, staff and teachers of The Kalyani School celebrated India's 77th Independence Day, on 15th of August, on the school premises. Like every year, the thoughtfully curated event served as a reminder to every participant and the audience, about their patriotic and civic responsibilities; and the significance of unity in our beloved nation. Through the proud hoisting of the Tricolour; and the cultural functions and speeches that followed, the Kalyaniites paid tribute to the nation's history and democratic ideals. The programme not only aimed at commemorating India's freedom, but also emphasised on the importance of the holistic development of the entire nation. This year too, the students of all the four Houses, engaged in an Inter-House Dance Competition. The programme was adjudged by accomplished Dance mentors and teachers, Ms. Pramadwara Kuttir, Ms. Rajeswari Gurav and Ms. Swaranjali Mane. Following tradition, each House gave a laudable performance, leaving the Judges spellbound. Despite constraints of time for practice, their earnestness and commitment to the task were reflected in their diligent and skillful performances. The Godavari House was declared the Winners of the Competition, with Koyna, Krishna and Sahyadri Houses following close behind.







Inter-School K Talk Competition-2023



The Inter-School K Talk Competition, which is a signature event of The Kalyani School, was conducted on 16th of August, 2023. The participants were from two categories, Grades VIII and IX, and Grades X-XII. The process of short-listing for the finalists starts in the beginning of the academic session, where the participants for the Intra-School K Talk are finalized on the basis of their speech activities in the class. The Intra-School event takes place in June. The best performers in the Junior and Senior categories are then selected for the Inter-School event.

The two representatives of TKS this year were, Siya Piyush from Grade IX (Junior Section) and Tanya Sharma (Grade XII). Students from 14 other schools had taken part in the Competition. Listening to their perspectives on many unique and varied range of subjects, made it clear that the present generation not only possess astute minds and brilliant presentation skills, but are also sentient, thoughtful and reflective.



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The programme, like every year, was a resounding success, and every participating school was full of praises, and left with a lot of learning. The event was judged by Ms. Rashmi Shringarpure and Dr. Kiran Kaur. Though all the participants had performed with élan, at the end of the event, the Awards were awarded to the ones who were singularly outstanding. The following participants were declared the Winners of the event:

Junior Section:

Third Position	-	Raima Chatterjee	-	Delhi Public School
Second Position	-	Tanya Sharma	-	The Kalyani School
First Position	-	Meher Kapur	-	Army Public Sschool, Kirkee

Senior Section:

Third Position	-	Reva Kate	-	Gurukul School
Second Position	-	Anika Sharma	-	Army Public Sschool, Kirkee
First Position	-	Siya Piyush	-	The Kalyani School



Mentoring Session at TKS



On 10th of August, Ms. Namita Thapar, CFO of Emcure Pharmaceuticals Limited and the founder of Young Entrepreneurs Academy, Inc, was invited to TKS, to mentor the students of Grades IX to XII. Ms. Thapar is one of the sharks on the popular TV show, 'Shark Tank, India'. She briefed the students about her childhood, her struggles while preparing for her CA exams, her educational background and the achievement of her dreams as an entrepreneur. She elucidated clearly that there is no shortcut to success.



She was able to carve a niche for herself in the Health care industry, only because she had worked very hard to complete her education. Ms. Thapar also answered the enthusiastic questions of the students, who quizzed her about her studies, her family, and her role as an investor at Shark Tank. She took right cognizance of each question and answered them in detail. The students felt inspired and stimulated after this exemplary mentoring session, which helped them to learn that to accomplish their goals, there is no other option but to strive hard.

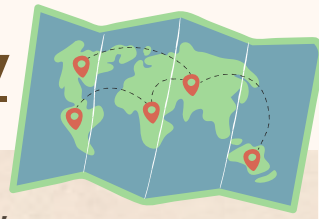
Storytelling Grade- I

A storytelling event was conducted on 11th of July, for Grade I, to brighten the day of the students with wonderful stories. The little children narrated their favourite tales, in very lively and expressive ways. The objective was to use storytelling as a learning tool, to encourage students to explore their unique expressiveness, and to heighten their ability to communicate thoughts and feelings, in an articulate and lucid manner. The activity helped improve the language skills, and instilled a love of reading among the children.

The stories were based on the folktales of Goa, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Sikkim. Reading the stories broadened the perspectives, and made the children confident narrators. They used props and lively gestures to captivate their audience. It was an experience which they thoroughly enjoyed.



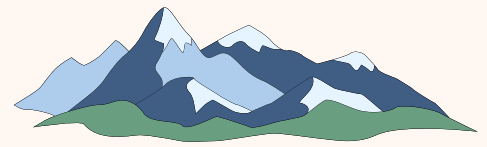
IAYP- Practice Adventure Journey



The students of Grades IX and XI, experienced a fun-filled, adventurous night at school, on 18th of August. It was a part of their IAYP training session, which involves a whole gamut of active learning with friends and teachers. In the IAYP programme, students are expected to learn new skills, hone the ones that they already have, and have adventurous experiences, away from their known surroundings. The objective is to make them know their strengths, appreciate their peers, learn trouble-shooting and develop problem solving skills. They also learn life lessons, like how to survive in a difficult environment, on their own. The final phase of the training requires the students to spend 2 days and nights in an entirely unknown place, without the guidance of adults, to see how well they would fair in a real life crisis.



IAYP - Practice Journey



Each year, the students, who undergo this training session, get an opportunity to spend a day and night in the school, with their peers and teachers, to get ready for the final journey. This time, it was the turn of Grades IX and XI. Guided by Zeenat Ma'am, a range of activities was planned for them by the sports team. The academic teachers were also involved to facilitate the whole programme. They were divided into 3 groups, and given individual tasks to complete in a stipulated time frame. Though the tasks were challenging, the students engaged in each one of them with delight and zeal, and completed them to everyone's satisfaction. To end the day, they went for a night walk, to get the real experience of an adventurous camping. The sumptuous meals provided by the school, added to their wholesome fun. The students went home the next morning with their hearts full and a lot of learning, which will come of use in their journey into the future.





Spellicans - Grade I

The Kalyani School organized a spellings and sentences week, called The Spellicans, from 1st to 4th of August, providing a platform to students to learn the English language, in a fun way. Hence, the teachers of Grade I conducted many engaging activities and games to make the students, expert spellers.

The first day of 'The Spellicans' began with a 'Word Blast' activity. It included guessing different 'oo' words, and the children attempted a web of words worksheet, based on the same. The teachers ensured that every student got an opportunity to write the words, and then, to express their thoughts verbally as well. Day two began with a game called 'Running Dictation', and the children worked in pairs to play it. Words were placed outside the classroom, and the children had to look at the words, say its spelling, and then frame a sentence with their partner. 'Opposite Word' activities were introduced on the third day. It was a sensory bin activity, where children touched, saw and felt the different textures, shapes and sizes of various things, and learnt the opposites of each. The week culminated with the activity 'Unfolding the Clues', where the students came up with words associated with the live objects, and framed sentences using those words. It was a week full of learning, which was definitely stimulating and fun filled, and therefore, will be effective in the long run.



Spellicans - Grade II

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The literacy event for Grade II was also spread over four days, to help the children develop a rich vocabulary, self-expression, and reading comprehension – tools they need to become successful readers and lifelong learners. On the first day, they enjoyed 'Rhyme Time', where the teacher gave the students fifteen pairs of rhyming words. Each student wrote a small poem of six lines, using the given rhyming words. The next day, the little ones were given the challenge to climb the rungs of a word ladder, where they deleted and added letters to make new words. They reached the top of the ladder successfully, by taking the help of some meaning-based clues. 'Synonym Match' was the third-day event. The class was divided into two groups of fifteen students each. The students in the first group were given a word, and those of the second group were given their meanings or synonyms. Then, they were asked to move around the class to find their match. The children had a lot of fun while adding to their knowledge and increasing their vocabulary. The last day of the week was 'Pictionary' time. Each student was given a worksheet, and they had to help Red Riding Hood to reach her grandmother's house, by following signs and symbols. The carefully curated week made the students appreciate the English language, and gave them a lot of opportunity to explore it and enjoy its enormous treasures.



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IK-MUN - 2.0



The 2nd Intra-School MUN Competition was held on the 12th and 13th of August 2023, in the premises of The Kalyani School. The three committees UNGA, ECOSOC, and DISEC were chaired by Arpita Joshi and Rhianna Shrivastava; Adwita Agrahari and Dhvani Sharma; Labonyo Banerjee and Disha Pednekar. The team was lead ably by Alaqmar Bohori, the Secretary General. The mentors worked hard to ensure that the rules and procedure were followed. The delegates had a great learning experience while researching and gearing up for their presentations, and enjoyed the two days of intense debating. The delegates of the UNGA discussed about, 'Expanding the mandate of artificial intelligence with respect to the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence, signed 2021'; The DISEC had an interesting mandate on 'Regulating the donation of weapons amongst countries'; while the ECOSOC had the agenda of, 'Creating a framework for the achievement of Sustainable Development alongside eradicating poverty'. The speakers were well researched, and gave relevant solutions to the problems discussed. The greatest learning was for the children, who were part of the organising committee, and they did a commendable job taking the IK-MUN to the next level.

The Winners, at the end of the event were:

UNGA

Best Position Paper: People's Republic of China - Prerna Zawar

Special Mention: French Republic - Himani Kamdar

High Commendation: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland - Meera Agrawal

Best Delegate: United States of America - Aanya Kothari

ECOSOC

Best Position Paper: Russia - Nayra Puri

Special Mention: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland - Akshat Jain

High Commendation: Republic of Nepal - Aditi Gupta

Best Delegate: Republic of Zimbabwe - Suvir Arora
United States of America - Twisha Rawat

DISEC

Best Position Paper: French Republic - Khushboo

Special Mention: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland - Rishit Patidar

High Commendation: The Syrian Arab Republic - Anish Gangavaram

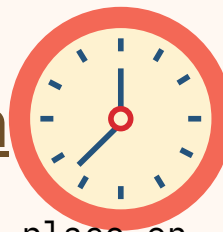
Best Delegate: The Russian Federation - Divita Joshi

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'Just a Minute' Competition



The Just a Minute (JAM) Competition, for Grades III and IV, took place on 31st of July '23. This captivating and enjoyable event served as a platform to exhibit the participants' eloquence and adeptness in impromptu thinking and speaking. The principal aim of the event was to empower participants to articulate their thoughts with assurance, on an array of subjects, while adhering strictly to the one-minute time limit. The inaugural round of the 'Just a Minute' Competition was conducted across all sections, giving every student the chance to speak; and then, from each section, two finalists were selected for the final round. The evaluation was based on the children's exemplary skills of delivery. Grade III speakers centered their discourse on the umbrella theme, 'My Favorites'. Participants of Grade IV spoke on 'Proverbs'. These themes were shared well in advance with the students, to provide them with ample time for research. Each participant was granted a minute for contemplation, prior to articulating their perspectives on the topic they had to speak on. The event bore witness to remarkable presentations from both Grades. The adjudicators, Ms. Mrinalini Patwardhan and Ms. Amita Sinha, were impressed by the eloquence of the participants. The Competition left an affirmative imprint on the entire audience. Though every child spoke with notable clarity and articulation, in the end, three participants from each Grade, were announced the Top of Form.

Winners of the event:

Grade IV

First Position: IV C - Maithili Jagdale

1st Runner Up: IV D - Aaron Chawla and IV A - Mrunal Dhongade

Grade III

First Position: III D - Airah Madaan

1st Runner Up: III A - Vihaan Gaikwad and Advika Negi - III D



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