



MESSAGE FROM THE ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parents & Students,

Greetings from me to each one of you at HSIS!

January 2023 began with much excitement when the school Community returned after a restful and relaxed Winter break.

The many events in January, February & March have been extensively covered through the various pictures and reports in this edition.

The planning for the end of year study tours and camps is being put together to extend the experiential learning beyond classes at school.

Breaking News: The HSIS Boys Under 14 team (Grades 6 to 8) participated in the JBCN International School Cricket Championship 2022-23 and won the JBCN MYP Cricket Championship.

There is never a dull moment at HSIS!! May we continue to be the "Happening School".

***My warmest wishes always,
Nalini Pinto***

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings from Hill Spring International School. This is the third edition of 'Spring Times' for the academic year 2022-2023.

The New Year 2023 was ushered in peacefully and happily as we joined school midway during the first week of the New Year.

The students in the Pre-Primary section have settled in to the routine of the school day. To enhance their learning, they were taken on various Field Trips to the Zoo, the BPT Gardens (for plants,) the Free Press Journal (to understand the importance of language communication,) Shankar Acharya Park (to see the compost pit) and a Mumbai Darshan too. The Nursery students were taken to the Traffic Park, the Bus Depot and the Kamala Nehru Park for their Units on Transport and the Importance of play.

The Primary section had a book fair and a face-to-face Student Led Conference where students conducted interactive games with their parents. To help in understanding of various Units, the students were taken on Field Trips and guest speakers were called in to enhance the programme. The highlights of this section was the Annual Concert 'FUSION' which showcased several talents of the students like Gym, Music, Dance and Drama. This was much appreciated by all. Art works of the students were displayed during the Art Exhibition. Republic Day, Sankranti and Holi were celebrated in a small way in school to help the students understand our Indian Culture.

The IGCSE section began the year with practices for Sports Day where for the first time ALL the students participated in at least two events. At this time of the year the Grade 10 students gear up for the Final examinations which take place over two sessions, in March and May. Republic Day was celebrated differently with the students going on Heritage walks to get to know the city of Mumbai. Grades 9 and 10 participated in an English Speech Competition which showcased speeches written by the students

themselves. Grades 6, 7 and 8 have prepared Portfolios highlighting special work done during the year. Some students have participated in The Art students displayed their works of Art at the Visual Arts Exhibition held in February. The Enrichment Center conducted sessions for grades 6, 7 and 8 on Social and Emotional Learning in order to develop their overall well-being. Grade 10 have just completed their Preliminary Examinations and are looking forward to the Graduation Day.

The DP section began the year with Spring MUN 2023, the theme being Lakshya..the pursuit of Peace. Credit goes to the students and their Mentors for having participated in the HSI Math Olympiad, the Science Bowl Competition, the Visual Arts Exhibition and a Nukkad Natak performed by grade 11 Hindi students, at the Gateway of India to spread the awareness of child trafficking. There was a collaborative session on Sustainability by the students of Economics, Business Studies and ESS. The Annual Sports Day along with the IGCSE students was a huge success. IB Wellness Day was celebrated on 17th February through a guided meditation exercise and a grounding technique called 'The Tree Meditation.' The popular Social for grades 9 to 12 proposed by the Student Council members was enjoyed by all the students.

As we approach the last leg of the term, grades 10 and 12 prepare for their Final Board Examinations and the Pre-Primary look forward to 'Celebrations'. We are glad that a major part of the academic year has gone by without the threat of the ill effects of the Pandemic which we have hopefully left behind. I leave each one of you to enjoy reading through the pages of our school magazine, 'Spring Times.'

Happy reading.

Regards,

Wilhelmina Athaide



WSC 2023 Mumbai Regional Round

Hill Spring 'Renewed' its outstanding WSC Performance at the WSC 2023 Mumbai Regional Round based on the theme "A World Renewed" at Ecole Mondiale World School on January 28-29, 2023.

All Hill Spring teams qualified for the 2023 Global Rounds after competing with 13 participating Schools and about 200 Scholars.

Top Senior Championship Rank & Top Senior Hill Spring School Scholar: Akshat Lal

Jac Khor Award in the Scholar's Challenge & Top Junior Hill Spring School Scholar (6th Championship Rank): Vivaan Verma

The Senior Team Championship ranks were:
Rank 2 : Soham Doshi, Shlok Rawat, Anant Bhartiya;
Rank 4 : Trisha Jain, Pari Lodha, Ariana Shah;



Rank 6 : Zayed Zaman, Rudra Mehta, Kahaan Jalan;

Rank 7 : Akshat Lal, Veddant Mehta, Kristen Saldanha.

The Junior Team Championship ranks were:
Rank 1 : Vivaan Verma, Kabir Gupta, Avika Lohia;

Rank 8: Aarushi Shah, Shaun Mehta, Heet Burad;

Rank 9 - Araiya Zaveri, Shivansh Agarwal, Arhaan Shah;

Rank 10 - Arham Doshi, Rahakrishna Mehta, Nysha Nahar.

Nysha Zaveri of Grade 8 was selected to debate at the Debate Showcase and Akshat Lal of Grade 10 was appointed as one of the Judges of this Debate.

On a lighter note, Shaun Mehta and Raha Krishna Mehta performed at the Scholar's Show to great applause.

Overall Individual Championship Ranks: .

Senior Championship Ranks

Rank 2: Akshat Lal

Rank 3: Soham Doshi

Rank 4: Shlok Rawat

Rank 5: Anant Bhartia

Rank 8: Aanshi Choksi

Rank 11: Vedant Mehta

Rank 15: Nysha Zaveri

Rank 16: Trisha Jain

Rank 19: Zayed Zaman

Rank 21: Pari Lodha

Junior Championship Ranks

Rank 6 - Vivaan Verma

Rank 8- Aarushi Shah

Rank 12- Anaya Bhartia

Rank 13 - Shivansh Agarwal

Rank 14- Kabir Gupta

Rank 15- Arham Doshi

Rank 17- Shubh Mehta

Rank 18- Heet Burad

Rank 19- Araiya Zaveri

MUN at Ryan Global School

Model United Nations sets the stage for students to influence political and social reform.

Exploring and analyzing global issues, our students of Grade V embarked on the journey of viewing the world through the lens of problem solvers and concerned citizens. Perspective taking irrespective of personal opinions got students to experience the importance of tact and diplomacy. Social and communication skills surpassed as the students debated in a civilized manner, putting arguments and concerns across, posing questions and seeking answers to render the world more habitable and nourish Earth to nurture a safer planet.

To make this event a successful collaboration and a fruitful endeavor, we had Anaya Sheth, Aashi Bagaria and Aarav Sheth, our Grade 11

students, providing valuable guidance and the best possible support.



SPRING MUN 2023

Lakshya...the pursuit of peace!

Spring MUN was delighted to host its twelfth edition, Spring MUN 2023, back in the physical space, amid much excitement. The vibrant and animated participation of the delegates reinforced the value and significance of the physical world in upholding the legacy of collaboration, diplomacy and negotiation.

More than 200 young delegates from grades 8 to 12 across 18 schools came together over two days to discuss and debate on matters of global significance. As our young delegates pitch for their future and create a world that they aspire to live in, we carved out our theme for this year, Lakshya...the pursuit of peace!

The conference simulated debates across a range of social, economic and politically volatile topics like the Indo-Sino-Pakistan border disputes, extremism in West Africa and Nigeria, human rights of incarcerated populations, power distribution in Wall Street, the threat of cyber warfare and censorship. The Press additionally took on the responsibility of reporting on the proceedings of the two days using different mediums like illustrations, digital media publications and the audio-visual medium.

Hill Spring International School is proud of its MUN Club Office Bearers: Anaya Sheth, Aarav Sheth and Aashi Bagaria, well as the entire Secretariat for curating this experience over months of hard work. Adieu till the next year... Spring MUN 2024!



ANAYA SHETH Top in India Award

Anaya Sheth has always been an exemplary student. She was initially in two minds about choosing History over a Science, but having committed herself, she gave it her all. In spite of being online for most of her IGCSE learning in grades 9 and 10, she never faulted on any of her assignments or projects.

What is especially noteworthy, about Anaya is that she did not focus on academics to the exclusion of everything else. Like other young girls, she played sports, socialised, participated in extra-curricular activities like MUN, debates, etc. and even found time for her dance practice. She is truly a well-rounded and well-balanced individual. The key to her success is mainly her calm and collected personality. She is organised about her work, efficient in completing tasks on time and does not panic when there are obstacles in her path.



It was a very proud moment for Hill Spring International School, when we received the news that **Anaya Sheth was awarded the Top in India Award**, for gaining the highest standard

mark for IGCSE History for the June 2022 series. She has also bagged the Best across eight subjects for having achieved the highest cumulative total standard marks in eight subjects. Her dual achievements, are commendable and reflect her positive attitude and habit of paying attention to detail.

The Award Ceremony was held in Hyderabad on Saturday 21st January 2023.

We wish Anaya every success for the future and are happy to have her as an exemplar at Hill Spring International School.

CRACKER JACKER 2023 Singapore



17 students of Grade 9 had gone to Singapore from 12-18 December 2022 to participate in the Crackerjack Convention, a skill-development initiative organised by the EdTech company, Face the Future. Via specially designed board games and customised activities, our students matched their skills such as creativity, problem solving, collaboration, leadership, teamwork, etc. against schools from India, Singapore and Malaysia and won accolades for themselves. Our students also got the opportunity to display their talents and social initiatives to a global audience.

Congratulations to the winners: **Aryaveer Jain, Jinnaya Shah, Yashvi Lodha, Rudra Hazari, Aarav Parekh and Zara Shah**



INTERHOUSE SCIENCE BOWL A Celebration of Science

Students of Grade 11 organized and hosted Hill Spring's first Interhouse Science Bowl event on 1st March to celebrate National Science Day, which is celebrated each year on 28th February to mark the discovery of the Raman Effect by Sir C. V. Raman, a Nobel Prize winning physicist.



After a grueling multiple-choice question round – that tested each student's scientific knowledge individually – the crème de la crème was selected for the final round. The top two scorers from each grade were chosen from Flora, Aqua and Terra to represent their houses in a fierce competition of knowledge and thinking.

Every round grew with intensity, and the competition was very close. The students demonstrated their analytical and creative



thinking skills as they tackled science-related questions and riddles. Additionally, the students showcased their teamwork and collaboration skills as they worked collectively to find solutions while representing their respective houses.

Between rounds, the audience was engaged with amusing riddles and interesting questions, which added to the excitement of the event. The atmosphere was filled with curiosity and learning, embodying the heart of a scientific mind.

Each team's breadth and depth of knowledge was pushed to its limits, showcasing astute understanding of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science and the Environment. After a neck-and-neck battle, **Terra came out on top, winning the first edition of our school's Science Bowl.** Overall, the event was a great success, and it provided a platform for the students to demonstrate their passion for science, teamwork, and collaboration.

– Uddant Patodia & Nitya Doshi (Grade 11)



HSMO 2023

Game.... Set.... Math

After months of planning, intense problem solving, and working out logistics, the Hill Spring Math Olympiad (HSMO) commenced its third edition with round one on the 4th of February 2023. It was a multiple-choice question round, where participants put on their thinking caps to solve questions critically using deductive reasoning and lateral thinking. Four Junior teams (Grades 9 and 10) and two Senior teams (Grades 11 and 12) made it to the finals.

The finals, held at Hill Spring International School on the 11th of February 2023, consisted of two rounds: Jeopardy and Buzzer. These interactive rounds brought out collaboration and exciting competition among the participants. The Jeopardy Round had questions ranging in three levels of difficulty across four areas in Mathematics: Number and Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, Probability and Statistics, and a Miscellaneous section, which featured mathematical problems that were based on logic. Teams made strategic decisions not only to choose their preferred area of Mathematics but also enhance their risk-taking ability while selecting an easy question of merely 10 points or gambling for a difficult one for 30 points. The Buzzer Round raised the pressure. Participants had to think quickly on their feet to hit the buzzer for 10 points. With negative 5 points for an

incorrect answer, teams raced against each other to come out on top.

The two **Hill Spring International School** teams took home the **winners and runners-up trophies in the Junior Category**. **Soumya Nigam, Mahip Jain and Parth Vora** displayed wonderful mathematical reasoning truly deserving the title while **Anant Bhartia, Shlok Rawat and Ansh Kapoor** came in close second. In the **Senior Category**, both the winners and runners-up were from **Bombay International School**.

HSMO 2023 was a meeting of minds to experience our love and the joy of mathematics: analysing and figuring out solutions to a problem was achieved by the incredible participation demonstrated by all the teams. Participants enjoyed the Olympiad with its diverse rounds and left with great joy, excited to come back next year. Ecstatic to have witnessed HSMO in person, we look forward to making this Olympiad bigger and better!



ABWA INFINITY

Done Up to the Nines

Aditya Birla World Academy hosted the 9th edition of its annual team mathematics competition over the 14th and 15th of January. In November '22, students of grades 9-12 took part in the preliminary round, of which the very best were selected for the final round. An **impressive 9 finalists represented Hill Spring**, including **Avyay Toprani** who went on to **win a silver certificate**. With innovative competition rounds and fascinating guest lectures, the competition was a great success.

The competition itself featured 5 rounds. The first was the 'Clash of Mathematicians' where participants had to showcase two of the most fundamental characteristics of mathematics: accuracy and efficiency. With no help from teammates, each student had to answer 30 assorted questions in a suffocating 60 minutes.

Then, in 'Math Challengers', teammates were reunited to solve 10 questions at a higher difficulty. Balancing communication and problem-solving proved key.

The third round epitomised the spirit of creativity that is ubiquitous in mathematics. In 'Bulb Your Ideas', teams were only given two simple problems. It was not the difficulty of the problems that presented the challenge, but the task of presenting a creative yet well-explained solution.

Round 4, 'Pass the Baton', had each teammate working on a separate sub-problem, the answer to each of which led to the next. To score points, each teammate would have to individually succeed, exemplifying the proverb, "only as strong as the weakest link".

Finally, the crème de la crème of the first four rounds were chosen to compete in a rapid-fire, buzzer-style quiz: 'Quizzitch'. With multiple rounds, each one progressively heightening the stakes and difficulty (some even picking on the topics discussed in guest lectures), the 'Quizzitch' brought an electric atmosphere and sound finish to a weekend of celebrating mathematics.

Uddant Patodia
Grade 11- IBDP

MOKSH KOTHARI Wins Gold at the CDNS

Moksh Kothari, a Grade 11 student, has had a spectacular run at the EFI CDNS (National Level) competitions judged by FEI (International Jury) on his Horse "Go For It TC" held at ARC Mumbai from the 3rd to the 5th of January 2023. These are a series of 4 national level competitions of which 2 were conducted in Meerut and 1 more will be conducted in Mumbai in February 2023.

He has won in the following categories:



Gold Medal in Young Riders Dressage and Bronze Medal on Horse Equinox held on 3rd Jan.



Gold Medal in CDN Medium Dressage held on 4th Jan.



Gold Medal in Young Riders Freestyle to Music Dressage held on 5th Jan.



At the JNEC 2022 (Junior National Equestrian Championship) too, Moksh had won a Team Gold in the Young Riders Category (under 21).



SPEECH COMPETITION

10th of October 2022



Ideas have changed the world. Martin Luther's 'I Have a Dream' speech, Barack Obama's 'Yes we can' or Shashi Tharoor's take on colonialism, it is speeches that transmit new perspectives, new ways of thinking into the world. In this spirit of inquiry and learning, the English Department held a speech competition on the 8th of February 2023. Students of Grade 9 and 10 participated, voicing their views on everything from mental health, the authenticity of originality, the offbeat path to success and even hair! The judges for the event were our founding Principal Mrs. Pinto and an experienced English Teacher, Mrs. Vimala Subramanian.

The multiple ties announced by the judges were an ode to the remarkable oratory skills of the speakers. **Ms. Anaisha Sheth and Ms. Soumya Nigam** from grade 9 A bagged the first place.

Mrs. Pinto appreciated the choice of topics and the participants take on prevalent issues. The entire class of Grade 9 and 10 cheered their peers on in their role as the audience. Nurtured by new thoughts, it was an assembly that surely ignited their minds.



IMAGINATION & ART Visual Art Exhibition 2023

Art is a powerful medium, capable of communicating ideas in ways that words often cannot. The IB Visual Arts exhibition 2023 on February 21, 2023 was an astounding opportunity for the IBDP Visual Arts students of Hill Spring International School to exhibit their work over their two years of Art study where they created several artworks related to a theme. Art connoisseur Shireen Gandhi, Director of Chemould Prescott and Atyaan Jungalwala, third generation gallerist and Founder of Chemould CoLab were Chief Guests who inaugurated the Exhibition.

Grade 12 student Keyaa Kapadia's theme was 'Layers'. She used a variety of techniques and media to analyse that theme from her own point of view. Her paintings, sculptures and mixed media pieces are a formation and representation of her identity and the original stories of her life. She has tried to effectively use the city around her and her life, hence each artwork depicts a different layer of the city that she lives in. Vanshita Doshi, a Grade 11 Visual



Art student, is exploring the theme of "Fashion" using her understanding of the contemporary fashion world. She has created artworks based on the basics of fashion and explores this theme through various mediums and techniques. She also explored human face and figure study to help her with sketching and in her upcoming artworks. Fashion Designing is a career path she has always been inclined towards, and she further wants to explore the details of this topic in a creative manner using her artistic skills.

The Grade 9 and 10 students showcased artwork which creatively and imaginatively engaged with the global issues raised by their individual topics in their IGCSE Coursework.



Their artworks send out strong messages ensuring audiences are aware of pertinent societal issues. They used multiple techniques and methods such as Lino Cut, Clay Modelling, Water colours and so on. They have each brought out their own unique perspectives, experiences, and techniques to their designs, resulting in a diverse range of pieces that offer a glimpse into their individual worlds. Students integrated their natural skills with technical tools like Photoshop producing fascinating digital art including magazine covers, visiting cards, brochures and artworks using different tools like crop, lasso, gradient, eyedropper tool and many more. This gave them an opportunity to explore more techniques of art and step out of their comfort zone and practice other skills.

The students of Grade 6,7 and 8 focused on the Elements and Principles of Art. They had an enriching experience using a variety of art materials, Macrame, Food Art, Best of waste sculptures, Digital media, Artist's study booklets and skill-based techniques to reinforce their

understanding and concepts based in Art. They also participated in wildlife photography and a student, Ryan Vajifdar, got an award in DCP Annual Wildlife, Nature and Travel Photography.

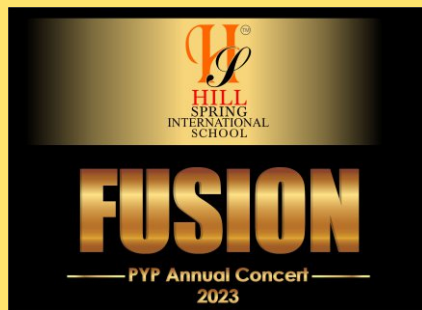
In the PYP the students focus on their sketching/drawing skills. They inquire into artist's study-based artworks connecting works using a wide range of mediums, paints such as watercolours, poster, acrylic paints etc. The emphasis is on

their imagination and the creative process.

Young as they are, the Pre-Primary students too are encouraged to develop their individual creativity and self-expression which was seen in the display of bright colourful artworks.

The Exhibition gave Hill Spring students the confidence to pursue their career and future endeavours in the field of Visual Art and Design. They learned curatorial skills as well as how to plan and execute Art Exhibitions. The entire school came together to be a part of this wonderful experience while showcasing their creativity and true talents.

~ Vanshita Doshi, Grade 11



Date
Friday, March 3, 2023

Time
3:00 pm

Venue
NEHRU CENTRE AUDITORIUM
Dr. Annie Besant Road, Worli



The HERO Within

Fusion 2023, HSI's Annual Concert, stirred up a series of emotions in one and all; after a gap of two years, leaving behind the feeling of nostalgia and moving from nervousness to stress and then to enthusiasm, the students and the teachers felt it all and truly lived the theme 'Turning Challenges into Opportunities'.

The first act '**Confluence**', a fusion of Western and Eastern music, had maestros from Grades 2 to 5 present a soulful rendition of instrumental pieces. The backdrop, placement of

instruments, lighting and the ambience in general had a sense of grandeur that enveloped the auditorium.

Act 2, a unique expression of the widely famous folklore '**Vikram and Betaal**', had the audience feel sentiments of fear and humour through the splendid performance by the students of Grades 1 and 2. Calling out to embrace the Hero within us, the students ensured that we looked into our core values and beliefs.

Not only acing the skills of dramatisation, a few of the Grades 1 and 2 students also put on a

breathtaking **Rajasthani Folk dance** performance. '**Malkhamb**' by the other few, displayed confidence in their skills of aerial yoga, gymnastic poses and wrestling grips on a vertical and stationary wooden pole.



Next up, Grades 3, 4 and 5 presented '**Guru Bol**', a play about discovering our inner self by revisiting emotions like fear and anger that all of us feel at some point in our life. 'Channelizing our emotions to

better the world around us' was the message the audience was forced to make personal connections with. Along with intense and dazzling performances by the actors, **the play was enriched by a rap song** and a motivational song evoking positivity amongst one and all. **The LED dance enactment was a crowd puller and showstopper for this act.** The students moved efficiently and gracefully in the dark to portray 'The Combat'. The message that came through this play 'Work Hard, Party Harder' resonated with parents, teachers and students alike.



The icing on the cake was our **esteemed chief guests, yesteryear actress Shubha Khote and her daughter Bhavna Balsavar, a prominent television actress.** We felt proud when they said that our students impressed them with such varied talents and performances.

We all would agree that Fusion 2023 showcased a plethora of talent, and indeed, it was a fun-filled evening!







15th ANNUAL SPORTS DAY IGCSE & IBDP

Hill Spring International School, organized its 15th Annual IGCSE and IBDP Sports Day on 3rd February 2023 at the Priyadarshini Park grounds (PDP). It was a day filled with fervour and excitement, amidst thrills and cheers. The event commenced with the felicitation of the Chief Guest, Mr Siddhant Ahuja our Ex-Sports Captain.

The Academic Administrator, Mrs Nalini Pinto welcomed the Chief Guest and the gathering. The event started with a well synchronized March Past by the Student Council squad and all the three Houses.



Our Principal, Mrs Wilhelmina Athaide then declared the meet open, after which the various races began where the students participated with full verve and vigour.

The Chief Guest Mr Siddhant Ahuja, in his address to the gathering laid emphasis on the importance of sports in a student's life and how important it is for a student to take up at least one sport.

Mrs Athaide also felicitated and encouraged the young students with the Outstanding Achievement Award in Sports who had achieved great success in various other Sports.



Junior Championship: Boys Grade 6-7
DHEER JHAVERI

Junior Championship : Girls Grade 6-7
RHEA GOYAL

Intermediate Championship:
Boys Grade 8-9 - VIVAAN JAIN

Intermediate Championship: Girls Grade 8-9
TAMANNA SETHIA

Senior Championship: Boys Grade 10-11-12
UDDANT PATODIA

Senior Championship: Girls Grade 10-11-12
ANAYA CHHAZZED

March Past : Inter-House - AQUA
House Championship : Inter-House - FLORA



ANNUAL BOOK FAIR PYP

The 15th PYP Annual Book Fair was held on 31st January 2023.

Prabhadevi bookstore Kahani Tree brought in a curated collection of Indian and international titles.

The fair held after two years found itself in a wonderful new location- the green patch with easy access from the PYP floor and to the cafeteria! What made this year's event even more special was that we had older students help us with the set-up!

Kahaani Tree brought in board books and picture books to delight our youngest readers. For the older children, there was a super selection of 'in-demand' titles and recommended reading. The multilingual books and vast display of non-fiction titles ensured that there was something for everyone! While the students browsed through the books, many finding a chair to sit and take their time reading, parents too were fully immersed in the experience, asking for recommendations. Lovely conversations around books were to be heard!



MASQUERADE Annual Social

After 2 years of online-learning, Hill Spring has come back full-swing this year. As part of an annual tradition, **HSI celebrated its annual Social on Friday, 10th February, hosting all students from Grades 9 to 12**, for the first time since 2020. The event was organised by the Student Council, aiming to offer students the chance to interact and socialise in a relaxing setting.

This year's theme, Masquerade, was reminiscent of an enchanted fairy-tale ball. Students attended wearing elegant formal attire and creative masks, looking their very best. They revelled in the celebrations and danced the night away on the dance floor, thrilled to let off some steam. An event with music, feasting and fun, Social was truly a night to remember.

-Anaya Sheth, Grade 11



HERITAGE WALK Integrated Social Studies

To commemorate our 74th Republic Day and to inculcate the spirit of nationalism in our children, the school had organized a Heritage Walk for Grade 10 on 10th February and Grade 9 on 14th February 2023 to the Naval Dockyard (Lion's Gate).

During this Heritage Walk students explored the origins of Mumbai city, the advent of the European traders and the changing landscape of the city as a result. They also got a glimpse into the establishment of the Dockyard and the maritime history of Mumbai. The tours had been arranged with special permission from the Naval Command Office as part of their Heritage Walks initiative, to acquaint the youth with the rich



history of Mumbai. The walk took around 1.5 hours with explanations given by Ms. Anita Yewale (docent at Bhau Daji Lad Museum) and a bus tour around the Dockyard.

TRAFFIC PARK UOI- Nursery



In order to gain an understanding of the various components of the road transportation system, the students visited the Traffic Park with their own vehicles (bikes/ scooters/cycle). Learners were given paper license to feel confident to drive. The traffic police man had an interactive discussion on the different aspects of road safety.

BUS DEPOT Nursery



Delving further into how the concept of 'system' works under the umbrella of 'Transport', learners of Nursery visited the Cental Bus Depot to understand how the various components of the B.E.S.T Bus Depot function and how the various factors organize themselves to create an effective network of transportation.

BPT GARDEN UOI- Plants

Senior kg. learners went on the field to inquire into the natural world and its laws as part of a tuning in engagement for UOI- PLANTS



Why are these plants kept in a greenhouse?



Why are these roots growing over the ground?



Why has this tree been cut off?



: Why do the fruits fall off from the tree?

NEHRU SCIENCE CENTRE An Energizing Trip



Standing true to the principles of IB Education, students of Grade 4 embarked on their explorative journey to gain initial understanding about their new unit – Energy. The students were

taken to Nehru Science Centre where they examined the various exhibits that were on display at the Exhibition Centre.

Through the four levels of the building, the students learned about various scientific principles and deepened their understanding about the concept of Energy. They made notes and also jotted questions about principles that puzzled them. Through active interaction with the teachers, the children tried to further their inquiry by asking questions and making connections.

The field trip served as a vital and genuine provocation which helped the students to step on the accelerator and embrace the unit as they prepare and plan for the Mini-Exhibition based on their interests and passions.

FREE PRESS JOURNAL

Field Trip

To create an experiential and contextual learning for the learners of Junior kg. for our unit 'Language', the children were taken for a field trip to the Free press journal at Nariman Point. They viewed the process of printing paper and had an opportunity to interact with a writer and editor. They understood how language not only connects people both locally and globally but also how different forms of language (oral and written) help us to communicate and express our ideas freely.



MUMBAI DARSHAN

Field Trip

The students Grade 1 took a Mumbai city tour and visited the open spaces. They understood that sharing of these spaces make the city complete as each citizen uses these spaces for their own needs. This gave them an overview of public spaces and the concept of accessibility and design.



SHANKARACHARYA PARK

Field Trip



KAMALA NEHRU PARK

Field Trip



Learners of Nursery visited Kamala Nehru Park as a tuning-in activity in connection with their current unit and used this opportunity to explore the natural environment through their senses.

The learners of Junior kg. were taken on a field trip to the Shankaracharya Park, Worli to celebrate the end of the Unit of Inquiry- SeaWorld, and to take their learning further. The compost pit at the garden, deepened their understanding of the Central Idea- 'People contribute to the well- being of the environment.'

HELPING HANDS

Baby Shark Tank Competition

Our Grade 1 students Ivaan Wallani and Yatika Surekha participated in the Baby Shark Tank competition, which was hosted by Helping Hands Foundation fundraiser at the St. Regis, Lower Parel on 1st February 2023.

Yatika and Ivaan made beautiful paintings, which were converted into merchandise to sell on the day of the fund raiser. The proceeds from the same were donated to The Helping Hands Foundation in support of Cancer paediatric patients.

Diya Agarwal & Ahana Sonpal (Grade 12)



CAS SESSIONS

Simple Machines



Grade 3 had an opportunity to collaborate and participate in CAS sessions with Grade 11 IBDP students on simple machines under the guidance of Ms. Kaushalya. They had three sessions in the IBDP laboratory wherein they worked in groups and were engrossed in the activity of identifying simple machines. In the following sessions, they were intrigued by the experiments on levers and inclined planes. These experiments involved collecting data, post their observation, and drawing inferences from the data on the experiment sheet provided by the IBDP students.

ARTISTIC EXPRESSION

IBDP & Grade 5

Students of Grade 12 (Youth Mantra Club) facilitated a collaborative session on 'Art and Perception' for students of Grade 5, helping them connect to the theme of the PYP Exhibition 'How We Express Ourselves'. Students enjoyed interpreting and visualizing art, helping them express their creativity and individuality. They realized that 'Art' can be perceived in different ways and that new perspectives help



us visualize a concept differently and add to our existing knowledge. Our own perspective is what makes the world unique to us.

As a follow up to the above session, Grade 12 hosted another session called 'Art and the World Around Us' with the students of Grade 5. Here, they focused on the use of colours to represent different emotions such as excitement, love etc. Students had an opportunity to introspect and identify their strengths. Through their colourful creations they represented their self-image. They realized that colours and objects can be associated with ideas and the role of aesthetics in it.

HUMAN LIBRARY

Grade 5

For their unit on Migration, Grade 5 hosted a Human Library tapping into the acceptance and appreciation of the different perspectives towards migrants and to gain an understanding of the concept of migration as being a range of negative and positive experiences. With thinking skill at its peak, students dived into a question-answer session with our esteemed 'Human Books', Grade 5 parents, who have experienced migration on a personal level.

The discussion ranging from their personal journey to their choice of careers; the cultural influence they carry along to the idea of unity in diversity; the talk about their struggles and challenges to the narration of their success stories---gave the students a true insight into the life of a migrant. Students learnt the importance of resilience, empathy and humanity in a world that needs it the most in today's day and age.



HINDI NUKKAD NATAK

Article 26-Human Trafficking

Some experiences in life are unique and eye-opening – the Nukkad Naatak was one such experience for us. This year's theme was human trafficking and prostitution, discussion and awareness about which has become imperative, but unfortunately, remains a taboo in our society. Initially, we were skeptical and did not grasp the power and emotion a Nukkad Naatak evokes, but soon we realized that this art form has the ability to capture the attention of the common man and communicate sensitive messages in an entertaining and easy-to-understand manner.

From the script writing to the early morning rehearsals, the Nukkad Naatak helped us make



conveyed the message. Despite arriving in school half-asleep at 7:30am, hearing Miss Poonam's energetic and enthusiastic voice and rehearsing a few dialogues never failed to invigorate us and everyone always left Nukkad Naatak practice with a sense of bonding and smile on their face.

Jittery and stage conscious, we huddled together before our performance on February 27, 2023, at the iconic Gateway of India, but once the Nukkad natak started, we all were in our elements and our performance flowed seamlessly. The gathering crowds further bolstered our morale and it felt like after all our hard work and effort, we were actually able to communicate our message to the public, and we hope that we played a role as agents and pioneers of change for the better.

Anhad Singh- Grade 11



he transition from a group of loosely acquainted teenagers who happened to have chosen the same subject to a functional, motivated and focused team of students who understood each other's strengths and weaknesses and worked together to raise awareness on a matter of critical importance.

We understood the beauty of language and expression and how the tiniest changes in intonation, the throw of the voice, and body language have a great impact on how we



THE VAPING MALADY in Adolescents

On Wednesday, 22nd February 2023, an informative session on the hazards of vaping was organized for the HSI students of Grades 8 to 12. The session was conducted by Dr. Khurshid Mistry, Trustee of the N.K. Dhabhar Cancer Foundation, Dr. K.V. Ganpathy, Clinical Psychologist and CEO, JASCAP (NGO dedicated to cancer patients at Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai) and Mr. Vivek Sharma, Social Entrepreneur.

Taking note of the rampant problem of vaping in society, the School sought to connect students to health experts to caution them about the devastating physical and psychological impact of vaping on health and wellbeing. Data demonstrating a drastic increase in e-cigarette use among high schoolers was shown. Alarming facts like advertising for e-cigarette is heavily aimed at teens and everything from billboard advertising



and the packaging of the e-cigarette target and manipulate the teen were shared. The guest speakers also shared their personal experiences and anecdotes which captivated and connected well with the audience.

Overall, the session busted several myths about the supposed harmlessness of vaping, and the students were made fully cognizant of the potential risks associated with it.

योग कार्यशाला Grade 8



कक्षा ८ के विद्यार्थियों के लिए दिनांक २८ फरवरी २०२३, मंगलवार को बास्केटबॉल कोर्ट में 'योग कार्यशाला' का आयोजन किया गया, जिसका संचालन मिस पूनम द्वारा किया गया। इस योग कार्यशाला का प्रमुख उद्देश्य विद्यार्थियों का सर्वांगीण विकास अर्थात् शारीरिक, मानसिक, नैतिक, आध्यात्मिक व सामाजिक विकास कराना था, साथ ही साथ विद्यार्थियों को तनावमुक्त जीवन जीने का तरीका सिखाना था। इस कार्यशाला में विद्यार्थियों ने उत्साहपूर्वक हिस्सा लिया और इसे सफल बनाया। विद्यार्थियों का सकारात्मक प्रतिसाद ही इस 'योग कार्यशाला' की कामयाबी बयाँ करता है।

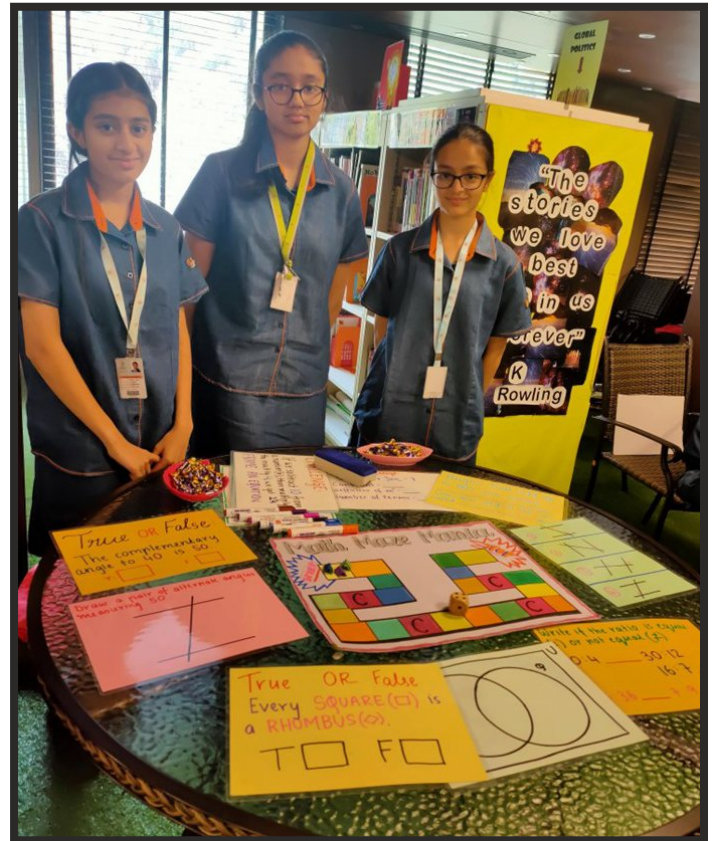
MATH DAY Grade 7

Math day was celebrated by grade 7 on Friday 17 th march in the IBDP library from 1:30 pm to 3.00 pm.

The objective was to enjoy Math as a subject in an informal way yet keeping in mind the interconnectedness with other subjects and significance in day to day situations.

The students were given freedom to select any means of presentation such as;

- 1) A short skit about a mathematician highlighting achievements and inventions.
- 2) Board games demonstrating certain concepts.
- 3) Art works with math concepts.
- 4) Songs, riddles and poem on math.
- 5) Math quiz using a technology.



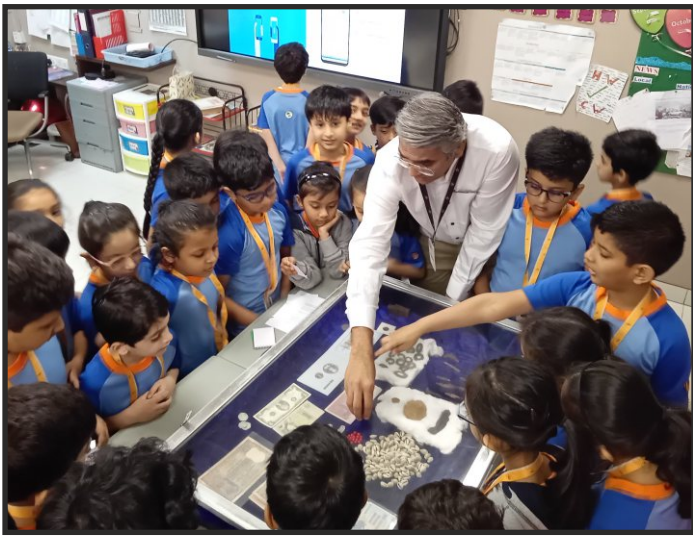
कौन बनेगा ज़ायकेबाज़ ?



कक्षा ८ वीं के विद्यार्थियों ने “कौन बनेगा ज़ायकेबाज़ ?” गतिविधि में बढ़-चढ़कर हिस्सा लिया। इस गतिविधि के दौरान विद्यार्थियों को पौष्टिक सलाद तैयार करना था जिसके लिए उन्हें इसकी सामग्री, बनाने की विधि, और इसके फायदे अपने प्रस्तुतिकरण में शामिल करना था। इस गतिविधि के दौरान विद्यार्थियों ने साफ़-सफाई का भी पूर्ण रूप से ख्याल रखा जिसके फलस्वरूप सभी विद्यार्थियों ने अपने साथ टिश्यू पेपर, कूड़े की थैली और एप्रिन का प्रयोग किया। इस गतिविधि का मुख्य उद्देश्य पौष्टिक आहार और उससे जुड़े नवीन शब्दों से परिचित कराना था।

MR. ANAND KOTHARI Archaeologist

Mr. Anand Kothari an archaeologist enlightened our Grade 1 students about the evolution of money for their Unit Trade. The students were intrigued and fascinated to see



the collection of coins and the trading aids that were used from the ancient times to the modern times.

Their learning was evident from their 'I wonder' questions related to the guest speaker session. They got a hands-on experience to understand the timeline of trade by being a part of the various activities conducted by Mr. Anand Kothari.

MR. CYRUS KHAN Instructor of Parkour



Mr. Cyrus Khan is an instructor of parkour who is currently training the Indian Army. Exploring the natural environment while doing parkour is a form of exercise. He discussed with the students about his experiences of participating in various adventurous activities like surfing, mountain climbing, camping, rock climbing, parkour, etc. He emphasized the importance of carefully planning and preparing for each activity before embarking on an excursion.

कक्षा -9 साक्षात्कार गतिविधि Grade 9

कक्षा ९ वीं के विद्यार्थियों द्वारा दिनांक १ मार्च २०२३, बुधवार के दिन 'साक्षात्कार' गतिविधि का प्रस्तुतिकरण किया गया जो कि काफी मजेदार और शानदार रहा। इसका प्रमुख उद्देश्य किसी विषय पर किसी व्यक्ति के विचारों की जानकारी प्राप्त करना है। इसके तहत विद्यार्थियों ने आपस में अपने विचारों का आदान-प्रदान किया, व्यक्ति विशेष पर अनुसंधान किया, तथ्यपूर्ण सामग्री इकट्ठा की और मौखिक भाषा कौशल का विकास हुआ। अंततः यह गतिविधि पूर्ण रूप से ज्ञानवर्धक और मनोरंजक रही।



INTEGRATED SOCIAL STUDIES Grade 8

Students of Grade 8 participated in a debate on "What did the British rule bring to India? (The positive influence or negative influence). The rule of the British in India is possibly the most controversial and most hotly debated aspect of the history of the British empire. Students in favor discussed the economic developments, infrastructure, legal and administrative system that the British brought in India whereas the opposition criticized that all these benefits went to a tiny British ruling class and the majority Indians gained little.

The students articulated while expressing their thoughts and opinions. The session was the kaleidoscope of opinions, thoughts and perspective that enhanced the knowledge and understanding about the British imperialism among students. Points presented were accepted by the spectators



with cheers and claps. Some of the points even made us think about the facts. There was so much talent in the room. Arguments were made and roved. The competition was so interesting with the exchange of student's perspective by equally stating the merits and demerits of British rule in India.



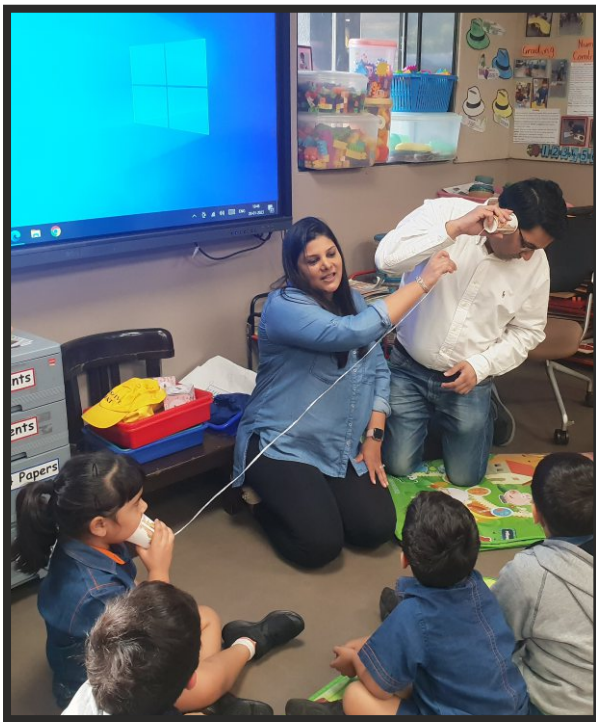
MUSICAL JAM Grade 6

The students of 6th Grade participated in the highly anticipated CAS activity, the Musical Jam lead by Ms Anujaa and supported by Ms Farah and MS Kainaz. Our young learners swayed along to the upbeat music and expressed enthusiastic support for their classmates, who performed exceptionally well, showcasing their abilities in singing, rapping, and playing musical instruments, making it the perfect opportunity for the whole class to come together and perform and showcase their talent in a fun and enjoyable way.

PARENT INTERACTIONS

Pre-primary

Mr and Mrs Gadia- parents of Junior kg. conducted a 'Fun with Science' session with the learners. They introduced the learners to the string phone as a means of communication and how sound waves travel and help us to connect with each other.



Mrs. Sheth, thank you for conducting an interactive session with the learners of Junior kg. They learned about the harvesting festivals celebrated in different parts. They not only enjoyed decorating their own kites but also learnt how to be responsible while celebrating Makar Sankranti and take care of the birds and our environment. We had so much fun and took away popcorn and chikki to relish!



Mrs Lodha parent of Junior kg introduced the learners to the various festivals like Lohri, Magh Bahi, Pongal and Makar Sankranti that is celebrated in different parts of India and are all associated with the harvesting season. She then spoke about the various ways in which we can use the leftover straw after clearing the soil -instead of burning it; thus connecting it to the theme of the year "Using challenges as opportunities".

PARENT INTERACTIONS

SENSES-UIO Junior kg

Mrs. & Mr. Mittal conducted an informative and interactive session with our young Junior kg learners. They were sensitised after viewing the video on Master Prathamesh who lost his vision due to a medical condition but still strived to sing, play Ukulele, and gave motivational speeches. They understood how we can also use challenges as opportunities and keep persevering to overcome difficulties just like him. The interactive games were fun and entertaining and loved by all the children.



SOUND WAVES Junior kg



Mrs. & Mr. Pratipathi conducted an interactive 'Fun with Science' session. They introduced the learners to the String phone as a means of communication and how sound waves travel and help us to connect with each other.

CITIES-UIO Senior kg



Mr. And Mrs. Sundesha, parents of Senior kg conducted a session, wherein they introduced the learners of Senior kg to New York city. They deep dived into it's history, culture, food, important landmarks and the sports played there. This further led to a comparative study between Mumbai and New York enabling them to understand the similarities and differences between both the cities.

PARENT INTERACTIONS

Pre-primary

Dhrihaan Patwa's mother and grandmother set a challenging session based on the school theme 'Using Challenges as Opportunities'. After reading a story on 'Snail and the Whale' our learners were inspired to explore the activities laid out in the play area like hopscotch, football, throw the ring on the stick and balancing. Overall a fun-filled session with a lot of learning! .



Mrs. Lodha, conducted an interactive session on Makar Sankranti with the learners of Senior kg. She touched upon the reason why it is celebrated and its importance in the Indian culture. The learners were happy to receive kites and spools which they were excited to use and be part of the celebration.



As part of the theme 'Using Challenges as opportunities' session, Mrs & Mr Marfatia interacted with the children of Nursery, explaining to them the significance of Republic Day. They introduced them to the concept of Rashtriya Bal Puraskar, which is awarded to children every year on Republic Day, for exceptional achievement in Innovation, Social Service, Scholastic, Sports, Art & Culture and Bravery. The children were inspired by the story of 6 year old Mamta, who was able to overcome her fear, and stand strong by her sister, who she managed to save from being eaten by a crocodile in Odisha. The session ended with the children sticking and representing the colours of the Indian flag on paper.



Mrs. Mehra, through this parent interaction session and by using the audio/visual medium, introduced our learners with the Hindi terms used in various transportation system, thereby enhancing their vocabulary for the new unit. She later gave them paper cut outs to create their

own aeroplanes. But the exciting part was the boat creativity where she arranged for wooden laser cut base allowing the boats to float in the water. She demonstrated the same in a tub full of water which amused our learners a lot. What fun!

Mrs. Meka Rao enthusiastically shared the story of 'The Hare and the Tortoise' with the Nursery learners in her mother tongue, Telugu.



The learners were thrilled to learn the names of the various animals in the story in Telugu. Making the connection that music can be made in any language and taking pride in India's achievement of Best Original Song at the Golden Globes 2023, the learners danced to the Telugu song – Naatu Naatu.



A guitar and classic popular children's Hindi songs was all that was needed to make the parent session, which Mrs and Mr. Rao conducted with the learners of Nursery, fun and entertaining! The children kept beat with musical renditions of 'Lakdi Ki Kathi, Motorgaadi, Nani teri Morni' and other fun songs with Mrs and Mr Rao and further enthralled with Mr Rao's guitar playing skills. A soothing session for all involved indeed!



Mrs & Mr Pansari brought home the theme of 'Using Challenges as opportunities' with the Nursery learners through a story on Mother Teresa. The learners were amazed with how she looked after the poor and the needy and worked against all odds to create a better world. This was followed by a colouring activity where they were given one colour each in a group to paint a flower- learning the skills of communication, patience and collaboration, living the learner profile- Caring!



Mrs & Mr Poddar conducted a mother tongue session in Hindi to extend the understanding of rail transport through a lovely story covering various components, followed by fake rail ticket distribution allowing Nursery learners to hop on to a class train to as they grooved to 'chook chook rail gaadi' song. The learners then engaged in a creative activity of making their trains and decorating it too. What fun!

PARENT INTERACTIONS

Pre-primary

Mrs. Shah, conducted a session with the learners of Junior kg to bring in the festival of Holi. The children enjoyed listening the story 'Amma, tell me about Holi' and doing the Holi creativity. They were super excited to sprinkle colour and spray water on their human paper templates to play Holi.



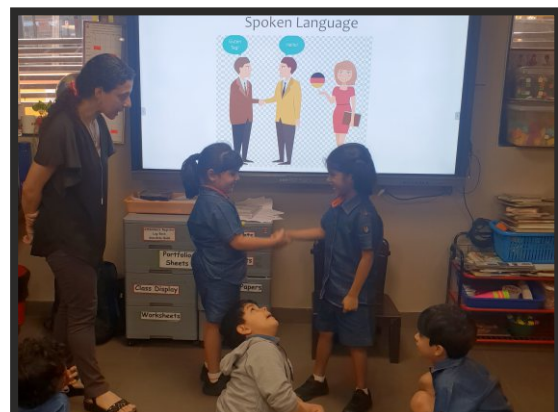
Mrs. Jain, conducted a session on play with the learners. She made them play various games like Dodgeball, Fun with my name and Balancing the ball.



Mrs. Merchant, conducted a fun with science session with the learners of Senior kg. She engaged them in observing the different stages of a plant and provoked them on what they think a plant requires to grow. She also made them make their own greenhouses followed by reading a book 'Seeds to Plants'.

INTERPRETER

Junior kg



The learners interacted with the guest speakers Ms. Delna (translator and interpreter) who spoke only in French and Mrs. Gadia, translated it in English. They understood the role of a interpreter and how the interpreter helps us to connect with each other.

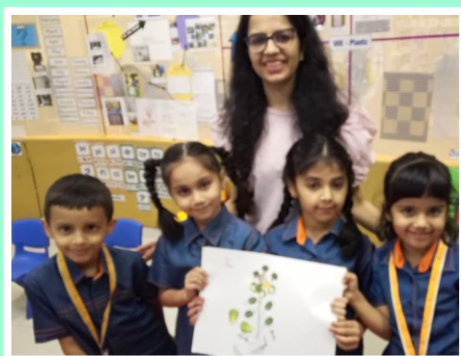
PARENT INTERACTIONS

Pre-primary

Mrs. Mahadevia conducted a session on the Holi festival with the learners of Senior kg. She discussed with them how we can play Holi responsibly. This was followed by a Creativity session of making self portraits.



Mrs. Mandawewala - parent of Junior Kg conducted a session connected to the theme of the year, "Using challenges as opportunities". She introduced the learners to the scientist Stephen Hawking and spoke about his love for the universe. The students created fun circuits and explored how circuits work. They also created a constellation (As Stephen Hawking loved stars) using geoboards.



Mrs. Singh narrated the story- Bumoni's Banana Trees, using multimedia. The children made the connection between the story and theme of the year- Turning Challenges into opportunities. The follow up activity was connected with the ongoing UOI- Plants



Mrs. Agarwal conducted a gardening session with the learners, aided by the school gardener. They were excited to plant 2 seeds of their choice. Their observations were recorded in a 'plant diary' over the course of 3 weeks.



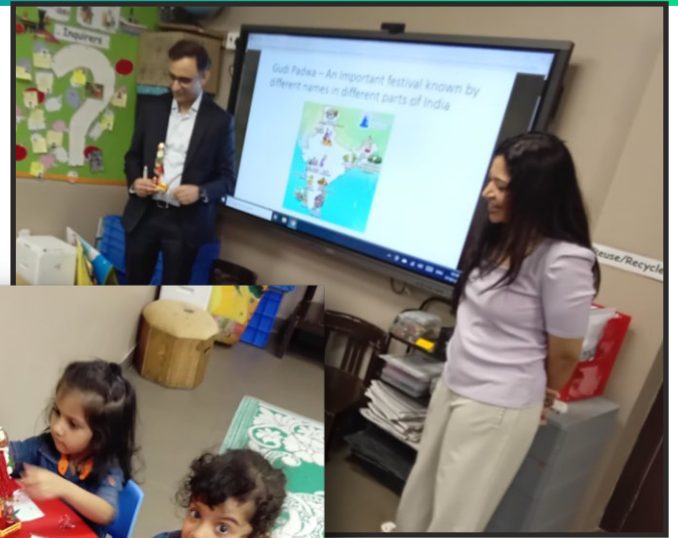
Mrs. Navlani conducted a fun session on the festival of Holi. The story of Holi was narrated to the learners with the help of flashcards and an audio visual. This was followed by a fun painting session where the learners did spray painting on a printout of a Pitchkari which they thoroughly enjoyed.

PARENT INTERACTIONS

Pre-primary



Tying up with the ongoing unit on Plants, Mrs. Sabharwal conducted a fun with science session on the Function of a Stem. She gave each child a carnation to observe how it changes colour when it is immersed in glass filled with coloured water. This was followed up with the children labelling the parts of a sunflower plant.



Mrs and Mr Saini introduced our learners to the festival of 'Gudi Padwa'. After watching a video that described the religious significance of the festival, our parents showed a replica of the real gudi and explained it's various parts. They then gave individual gudis to all the learners to decorate with stickers and reminded them to later put it outside their windows. They received a rangoli take-away to decorate their houses. The learners were super excited to eat the festive sweet - 'Puran poli'.

Mr. & Mrs. Rathi planned a session for the upcoming Holi festival. Instilling the importance

of being responsible while playing Holi and understanding the significance of this festival made our learners realise the importance of

devotion in God. They had a fun time hand painting their Holi cards, followed by playing Holi with flower petals. No festival is complete without a bit of music and dance, the learners grooved to Holi children songs as they played Holi. !





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