

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings from Hill Spring International School!

We are into a new season!

Spring brings in many shades of life and life at school is never dull. February continued the gusto of the new year with the much awaited Social for Grades 9-12. It was endearing to see the students arrive and enjoy in their best attire. Showcasing an unknown hue of their personality to their teachers, they danced to their hearts' content.

This abounding energy manifested strongly on the grounds of PDP at the Senior School's Sports Day as well. Neither the scorching heat nor the infiltrating dust could mar the students' spirit to win for their house.

Seasons changed as the PYP celebrated their annual day – Fusion, showcasing the vibrancy and need for change through their perspective on seasons.

The weather was changing for our Graduating batches of Grade 10 and 12 as well as they were felicitated and celebrated at their respective graduating ceremonies – taking stock of their journeys through the years and getting ready for the final countdown.

A short interim from the relentless timetables came in the form of the Spring Break. Refreshed and rejuvenated, PYP jumped right into the Mini-exhibition. Grade 4 left everyone on the floor truly awestruck.

The co-curricular show gave us a wonderful insight into all the Monday sessions at the school clubs.

April is now exam time and the year's learnings are going to be put to the test.

Wishing our first AS Level batch the very best for their Board Examinations. Make us proud!

Best wishes are also due to our Grade 10 and Grade 12 students for this milestone they have set out to achieve.

The 'Celebrations' will continue with the tiny tots of Nursery. And School will continue to provide the opportunities and guidance our young learners need.

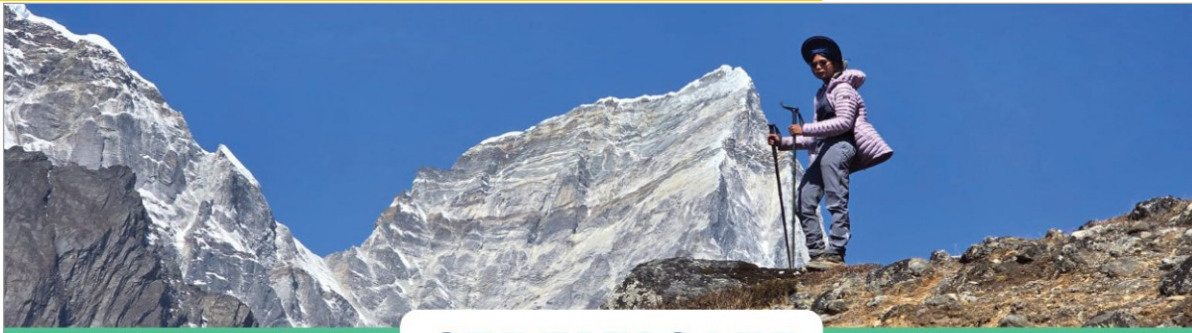
Enjoy this season of newness and growth with us.

My warmest wishes to each family,

Wilhelmina Athaide



Awards & Accolades



CERTIFICATE

OF ACHIEVEMENT

This is to certify that **Ms. Kriti Goel** from India has successfully completed the Everest Base Camp Trek from 22nd-Mar-2025 to 30th-Mar-2025 (9 days).

During the trek, she reached the highest point, Everest Base Camp at an altitude of 5364m.

We wish her continued success in all future endeavors.

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KRITI GOEL

Base Camp of Mount Everest

We are thrilled to celebrate the extraordinary accomplishment of our student, Kriti Goel -Grade 8, who has successfully completed the iconic trek to the Base Camp of Mount Everest — one of the most demanding and revered treks in the world. At an altitude of 5,364 meters, this achievement reflects Kriti's unwavering determination, mental strength, and adventurous spirit. Braving challenging terrain and extreme

high-altitude conditions, she demonstrated remarkable grit and resilience every step of the way. Kriti's journey is a shining example of what passion and perseverance can achieve. We are immensely proud of her and inspired by her courage. Congratulations, Kriti, on this unforgettable milestone!



ALISSA JHAVERI

SDI Winter Tournament

We are proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of Alissa Jhaveri, a Grade 8 student, whose talent and determination have shone on both national and international platforms. Alissa emerged victorious at the SDI Winter Tournament, a prestigious national event hosted by Speech & Debate India. She then went on to represent with excellence at the Stanford Invitational Tournament — one of the largest and most competitive debate events in the United States — where she impressively advanced to the Quarter Finals in the High School Category (Grades 9–12) and received glowing feedback from the judges. Her accomplishments highlight not only her sharp analytical and communication skills but also her unwavering commitment and discipline. From late-night preparation sessions to high-level debates, Alissa has demonstrated remarkable resilience, time management, and drive.

Certificate of Excellence

This certifies that
Alissa Jhaveri

of
Hill Spring International School

has been honored at the SDI Winter Tournament 2025
1st Place Champions Award - Open Division

Signature:

R. Bell

dated: **January 2025**

Mr. Rajiv Kacholia
Founder, Speech Debate India

Congratulations, Alissa, on this incredible journey — you continue to inspire us with your passion and perseverance!

Awards & Accolades

HILL SPRING RUNS

at the 2025 Tata Mumbai Marathon

The Tata Mumbai Marathon 2025, on January 19, saw enthusiastic participation from our school community, with students from Grades 8 to 11 running to support various charitable causes. Many joined the 5.9 km Dream Run, while others competed in the Open 10K. The Smiles4Miles run club, a CAS project, offered structured training and grew into a dynamic group of over 70 members. The initiative raised funds which were donated to Concern India Foundation which supports health and education and Cuddles Foundation which aids children with cancer. The Marathon was a fulfilling experience, fostering perseverance, teamwork, and social responsibility in our students.



KIARA JAIN

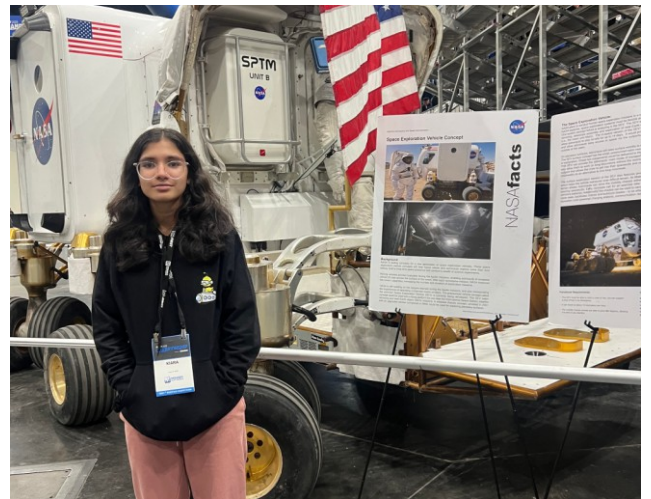
Celebrating Excellence in Robotics!

We are proud to present Kiara Jain from Grade 8, a remarkable young talent who, along with her team PARADUCKS 9606, represented India at the prestigious First Robotics Competition (FRC) 2025 held in Houston, USA.

The team achieved an outstanding milestone—ranked 1st among the 6 Indian teams and 199th out of 3,690 teams globally! This is a phenomenal accomplishment, especially for a team that is only two years old, competing on such a grand international platform.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Kiara and her team for this incredible feat. Wishing her continued success in her inspiring journey in the world of Robotics. With this early exposure to a global stage, Kiara is not only building her technical expertise but also developing invaluable confidence and teamwork skills.

She has truly made us all proud!



Awards & Accolades

AMAN SHINES

at U6 Chess Tournament



We are delighted to share that Aman secured 2nd place in the Under-6 Chess Tournament held this weekend. Competing against a talented pool of participants, Aman displayed impressive focus and strategy, winning 4 out of 5 games.

The tournament was hosted by the South Mumbai Chess Academy at the Russian Centre for Science and Culture, providing young minds a wonderful platform to showcase their skills.

SIA RACES TO VICTORY

at Speed Skating Championship



We're proud to share that Sia secured 3rd place in both the long-distance and short-distance races at the Open Mumbai Speed Skating Championship. Her determination, speed, and focus were truly commendable. Congratulations, Sia, on this fantastic double win.



IVAAN

Paper Craft Collection

Ivaan's passion for paper crafts began at the end of Grade 1 when a video inspired him to create intricate figures based on video games. Over the past two years, he has refined his skills, carefully crafting more than 200 detailed pieces with dedication and precision. Wanting to highlight his commitment to sustainability, he set up a display for his peers, showcasing his creative use of recycled paper in his work. Impressively, he has preserved each piece in perfect condition without damaging a single one. More than just a hobby, his craftsmanship reflects patience, creativity, and a strong appreciation for both art and the environment.

ARRYAN GUPTA

Tennis Premier League



Arryan Gupta has been making impressive strides in the sport of Lawn Tennis, recently earning recognition for his exceptional skills and dedication to the game. At the prestigious Tennis Premier League held at the NSCI Club, Arryan showcased his remarkable talent and determination on the court. His hard work paid off when he was honored with the Best Emerging Player of the Tournament award, a testament to his rapid progress and potential in the sport.

Awards & Accolades



GRADUATION CEREMONY Grade 12

On 4th April 2025, the IBDP Graduation Ceremony lit up the school cafetorium for the very first time. Graced by Chief Guest Mr. Paramjeet Singh, former Principal Commissioner of Income Tax, the evening began with a traditional lamp-lighting, followed by a grand academic procession. Hosted by the Group 3 IBDP faculty, the theme, "Brands", added a creative twist, as each student was celebrated for their unique personality and achievements. Heartwarming tributes, musical performances, and a stirring valedictorian speech by Dipra Baid added depth and emotion to the event. A delightful highlight was the humorous and nostalgic speeches by students of the Hindi, French, and Spanish departments, who shared cherished moments with the graduating class. Inspiring addresses by the Principal, Ms. Wilhelmina Athaide, the IBDP Coordinator, Mr. Prashant Gohil and the Chief Guest brought the evening to a close as students walked away with proud hearts and memories to last a lifetime.



Awards & Accolades



GRADUATION CEREMONY

Grade 10

Grade 10 Graduation Day 2025 was a heartfelt celebration of memories, achievements, and new beginnings. From the elegant diya-lit procession to moving speeches by the principal, students and parents. Our students shone brightly on their big day.

A huge shoutout to Tvisha Sud, Zayed Zaman and Shubh Mehta for receiving the Gold Certificate, and to all our young graduates – tassels turned, dreams ready to take flight!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to to our Chief Guest and alumni Ms. Amrta Mehta, respected management, esteemed principal, our beloved teachers, parent speakers, and everyone who made this day so special.

With songs, smiles, and spirit – the Class of 2025 walked into the future, carrying a piece of HSI with them forever.

#BatchOf2025 #ProudMoment #FutureBeginsNow #GraduationDay



Awards & Accolades

KALA GHODA ARTS FESTIVAL

Band -Classical Bosses



We would like to share the achievements of five students, Reyansh Parikh, Manan Parikh, Veer Mehta, Mahira Jain and Araiya Zaveri who form the band *Classical Bosses*. The group recently performed at the prestigious Kala Ghoda Arts Festival, showcasing their musical skills and representing our school with pride. Demonstrating remarkable social responsibility, the band raised over 2.5 lakhs to support tribal groups, enabling the tribal bands to participate and perform at the Kala Ghoda Festival.

The children brought much joy and cheer to the residents of the J J Old Age Home through a special performance. In addition to the musical performance the residents were grateful for the time the children spent with them.

Assemblies



SCIENCE BOWL ASSEMBLY

Grade 11

On Thursday 20th February, Grade 11 IBDP students hosted an Inter-house Science Bowl for the students of grades 9, 10, and 11 AS Levels, viewed by the IGCSE and IBDP sections. This Quiz was a celebration, in advance, of the National Science Day scheduled on February 28. Each House team consisted of five enthusiastic students, who had been the top scorers of the previous round. During the assembly, the three teams competed live in various rounds, Riddles, Rapid Fire and Jeopardy, and showcased their knowledge, strength, and curiosity in the five sciences. After an exciting hour of competition, Flora House emerged victorious, with Aqua House as the runner-up.

Anahi Reddy, Grade 11 (IBDP)



HINDI EXPLORATION 2025

Grade 11

On Wednesday, 5th March the Hindi students of Grade 11 put up a short play titled, "Pradarshan Kala ke Teen Roop- Brahma, Vishnu, Mahesh." It explored three journeys via three Indian classical art forms that revealed human ingenuity through artistic expression, emphasizing art's vital role in shaping our sense of self. Entirely developed by three students and guided by their teacher, it was created without any assistive technology to authentically reflect the theme of unleashing the power and divinity of the human mind. The beats of the tabla, ghungroos and alaap filled the auditorium reiterating the necessity to practice and preserve the country's diverse performing arts- while preparing ourselves for the endless possibilities that await us beyond our homeland.

FUSION

The PYP Annual Concert 2025



The Annual Concert - Fusion 2024-2025, by the students of Hill Spring International School, brings to you two captivating plays and an enthralling musical performance by the students.

We will begin the show by welcoming our Chief Guest followed by the Lighting of the Lamp. We will also have your Introductory Video played on screen for the audience.

We commence with our musical performance, Rutu Sangam, that comprises of the students of Grades 5 who will take the audience through an incredible journey which is an amalgamation of rhythm and dance! Our little maestros and dancers will showcase their exemplary skills that exhibit nature's essence. While journeying through the various seasons, the students will traverse between human emotions and nature's elements.

Next is the play Barricade enacted by the students of Grades 1 & 2. The play explores the theme of unity over division—highlighting how innocent children play a pivotal part in overcoming prejudice and artificial barriers through resilience, friendship, and collective action. After the Interval we will continue with the second part of Barricade.

Closing the show, we have the students of Grades 3 and 4 perform 'The Balance'. As the title suggests, balance is the key to everything. Through the events that build up, the Burfistanis share a significant message that true happiness does not come only from comfort, but from congruence and balance in all things.





School Events



UNVIELED

Visual Art Exhibition 2025

Hill Spring International School's Visual Arts Exhibition, Unveiled, held from February 13th to 18th, 2025, was a vibrant celebration of creativity, the artistic process, and imagination. More than a display of finished artworks, it highlighted the artistic journeys behind each piece. Esteemed Chief Guest, photographer Ms. Sunalika Sinha, and Creative Director at DDB Mudra, Mr. Sonal Dabral, inspired students with their insights into visual storytelling and artistic perseverance.

The exhibition featured a diverse range of media—paintings, sculptures, installations, and mixed media—with preparatory sketches and artist statements providing deeper context. Grade 12 students explored themes like "Changing Times" and "Women," using materials such as acrylics, ceramic glazing and linocut prints, while drawing inspiration from artists like Banksy.

Grade 11 IBDP students delved into architecture, spray painting, and textile work, showcasing their evolving skills and artistic voices. The first cohort of Grade 11 Cambridge AS Level students presented thought-provoking coursework exploring themes like "Change" and "The Mind Within."



Younger students—from Grades 6 to 10—experimented with clay, food art, digital media, and more, while PYP and even EY students added their colourful contributions. Unveiled was not just an exhibition—it was a powerful expression of growth, collaboration, and the boundless spirit of art.

~ Antara Tibrewala, Grade 11 (IBDP)



Interschool Event



HILL SPRING FOOTBALL CUP 2025 Beginning of New Legacy

Hill Spring International School hosted its inaugural tournament - The Hill Spring Cup on 22nd March 2025 at Cooperage Grounds. With six schools participating, the tournament was off to a great start. The Senior Boys Team gave tough competition and persevered through injuries and unbeatable odds to become Champions of the first ever tournament and etch their names in the school's history. The junior team gave it their all, standing shoulder to shoulder with the under 17 boys.

The Girls' Team fought hard against some of the strongest teams in a remarkable display of determination and passion. It was a day of unrivaled sportsmanship as our Senior Boys gave a standing ovation to the runners-up, and one could feel the love for the sport and unparalleled respect reverberating through the air.

The presence and relentless support of our Project Director Mr. Sushrut Mirashi and the spirited cheers of our Principal Ms. Wilhelmina Athaide and IBDP Coordinator Mr. Prashant Gohil at the closing ceremony sealed our victory with warmth and appreciation. Here's to years of giving our best on the field and in life through such remarkable initiatives. This Hill Spring Cup is the first of many more to come.



School Events



FIELD DAY EY

Early Years Field Day is an opportunity for students to experience the joy of movement and outdoor play. They engaged in a variety of athletic events, fostering a sense of camaraderie and celebrating individual effort. The learning community encouraged and actively supported the well-being of every learner. It is a celebration of activities, skills and



concepts the students have learned and applied. It is connected to age-appropriate, adventurous, outdoor activities in a non-competitive and friendly atmosphere.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCE PYP

The PYP Student-Led Conference was a celebration of children's growth, creativity, and curiosity. Rooted in play-based learning, this conference showcased how our young learners explore, discover, and develop foundational skills through hands-on, meaningful experiences. During the conference, learners took the lead, guiding their families through and sharing highlights from their learning journey. This empowering experience fostered independence and ownership in their growth. This was followed by Field Day (for EY) and co-curricular activities (for primary) highlighting their physical skills, teamwork, and enthusiasm.



STUDENT LED CONFERENCE Grade 6

The Grade 6 Student-Led Conference showcased students' learning through fun, subject-based games. Confidently guiding parents, students demonstrated strong communication, leadership, and teamwork. The engaging format turned academics into enjoyable activities. Parents were proud to see their children's creativity, maturity, and deep understanding in action, making the event both memorable and meaningful.



School Events



15th ANNUAL SPORTS DAY IGCSE, IBDP & A Levels

"You are never really playing an opponent. You are playing yourself, your own highest standards."

The annual Sports Day of the secondary section of Hill Spring International School, held on Friday 7th February 2025, was a huge success. The students of grades 6-12 showcased their athletic skills, determination, and school spirit in a series of thrilling events. From sprints to relays, long jumps to tug-of-war, every moment was filled with enthusiasm and camaraderie. The competitive spirit was at an all-time high as our schoolhouses battled it out for the championship title! Every point counted, and the excitement was unstoppable until the final whistle. A huge congratulations to FLORA HOUSE for emerging victorious! Special applause to our Junior, Intermediates and Senior Category Individual Champions in both boys' and girls' categories, who delivered outstanding performances and set new records! Your hard work and dedication truly paid off. The excitement didn't stop there! Our middle school learners showcased incredible teamwork and coordination in fun team-building races like the sack race, caterpillar race, and obstacle race! These events were filled with laughter, enthusiasm, and the true spirit of sportsmanship!

Adding to the thrill, our parents' tug-of-war event was an absolute highlight! Their competitive spirit and energy made for an unforgettable showdown, bringing the entire school community together in the best way possible

We were honoured to have Ms. Diya Sanghi, a proud alumna of our school, grace the occasion as our Chief Guest. Her inspiring words and presence motivated our young athletes to strive for excellence.

This exhilarating day of energy, teamwork, and sportsmanship came to a memorable close, as everyone at Priyadarshini Park departed with cherished moments and lasting memories.



School Events

MINI EXHIBITION ON ENERGY

Grade 4

Grade 4 students explored the fascinating world of energy—from renewable sources to light in storytelling, mechanical energy in football to chemical energy in food. Guest speaker sessions, field trips, and interviews sparked their curiosity and skill-building. Students demonstrated learner profile traits like being reflective and balanced, showing perseverance throughout.

They made meaningful connections to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy

SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being

SDG 13: Climate Action

Taking action, students wrote letters to authorities, created persuasive ads, performed shadow puppetry, and built cars from reused plastic bottles—sharing science creatively. This enriching experience inspired responsible citizenship and deepened their understanding of sustainability, marking a powerful step in their journey as lifelong learners.



SOCIAL 2025

A Night in Paris

Social 2025, held on February 21st at the Cafetorium, was an unforgettable evening themed "A Night in Paris," proposed by Student Council President Yana Doshi. Inspired by the Visual Art Exhibition, students transformed the space with a DIY Parisian skyline. The night was alive with music, dancing, laughter, and connection as Grades 9–12 came together. For Grades 10 and 12, it marked a bittersweet milestone—reflecting on memories and embracing change. The inclusive atmosphere and heartfelt moments made it truly special. As the final song played, students left with joyful hearts and memories to cherish. Social 2025 was truly magical.

Anahi Reddy, Grade 11.



Camps

The Golden Boulder Campus, Hyderabad

Grade 11 IBDP and AS Level



From 31st January to 3rd February, Grade 11 IBDP and AS Level students embarked on a transformative CAS camp at The Golden Boulder Campus in Shahpur village, Hyderabad. The experience blended adventure, service, and cultural immersion. Students began by exploring the local flora and fauna, encountering a dead titan beetle and discussing the region's wildlife. They collaborated with local farmers to build a micro-pond, contributing to the ecosystem's sustainability. Despite the day's labour, they showcased their energy in a friendly volleyball match against facilitators. On day 2, students went on an exhilarating trek to Killa Ghanpur fort, scaling rocks and navigating caves to reach the summit. They then demonstrated culinary skills by preparing authentic Hyderabad Biryani and participated in a local traditional custom. The camp concluded with a reflective session, enabling students to recognize their personal growth and learning during this unforgettable experience.

Dr. MODI'S RESORT

Grade 5



With the intention to foster responsibility, outdoor learning experience and adventure, an overnight educational fun-filled trip was organised to Dr. Modi's Resort, Karjat, for the students of Grade 5. Students engaged in multiple activities throughout the stay exposing them to varied learning and recreational experiences.

The trip began with a visit to the local Zilla Parishad school to facilitate a cultural exchange between the students of the two schools. The students engaged in smaller groups teaching each other Math, games, dance, art and craft among other skills. The students were swift to observe that though the children they met were underprivileged, their enthusiasm towards learning and intelligence was noteworthy. Later in the evening, the students engaged in sky-gazing observing the sun's spots and planets. The trip ended with a trek to the ancient Kondana Caves which was home to a group of Buddhist monks, now a restricted tourist spot to conserve the ancient ruins.

Thus, through varied engagements, the trip culminated with reflections and gratitude cards where students expressed their feelings and thoughts thanking the ones who made their stay comfortable and memorable.

Field Trips



HIGH COURT Grade 2

Mr. Nitin Thakkar (Snr. Advocate) and Mr. Nimay Dave (Senior Advocate) generously dedicated their time to guiding our young learners during their visit to the Bombay High Court. Their insightful explanations and engaging interactions made the experience both educational and memorable. Introducing students to the functioning of the legal system at such an early stage proved to be immensely valuable. The visit offered a clear understanding of the various departments within the High Court and the key personnel involved in its operations.

SHANTIVAN GARDEN Junior KG

Learners went on a field trip to Shantivan Garden to observe and engage with the natural world. As they explored, they were encouraged to collect natural materials such as leaves twigs, flowers, seeds, and stones. Through guided discussions and reflections, their understanding about the natural world was gauged to kick-start UOI Shadows.



MUMBAI DARSHAN Senior KG

Learners were taken for Mumbai Darshan to view different areas and monuments (Wilson college, Chowpatty Beach, Marine Drive / Queens necklace, Nariman Point, Gateway of India, Taj Hotel, CST station, Rajabai Clock Tower, Oval Maidan, Kala Ghoda, Colaba Causeway, Sassoon Dock, Kamla Nehru Park, Haji Ali, Coastal Road, SeaLink, etc.) Through this field trip, they gained an appreciation of the different features that makes Mumbai unique.



MALABAR HILL WALKWAY Senior KG

Learners went on a field trip to the newly inaugurated Malabar Hill Walk way to learn about important landmarks of the city and changes in Mumbai over time.

Field Trips

KANHERI CAVES

Grade 6

Grade 6 students explored the historic Kanheri Caves at Sanjay Gandhi National Park, beginning with a scenic trek through lush greenery. At the site, they discovered ancient Buddhist rock-cut structures, intricate carvings, and meditation halls. A guided tour brought the monastic life of the past to life, with highlights including water cisterns, prayer halls, and inscriptions. The cool interiors and interactive sessions made the experience both educational and enjoyable — a perfect blend of history and adventure.



CHHATRAPATI SHIVAJI MAHARAJ VASTU SANGRAHALAYA

Grade 4



The students of grade 4 visited the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, which was an excellent resource for historical inquiry in connection with the unit- Civilisations . The Civilisations Gallery gave students a direct glimpse into Harappan and Egyptian artifacts, helping them compare these ancient civilizations. Observing artifacts like pottery, seals, scripts, and tools provided insights into trade, culture, governance, and daily life. Seeing real-world evidence of past societies—such as tools, art, and writings—helped students make deeper connections between historical innovations and their lasting influence on modern life. The guided tour encouraged critical thinking about how civilizations evolved and how their contributions continue to shape the present.

KUMBHARWADA

Grade 5



A visit to Kumbharwada, Dharavi was organised for students of Grade 5 in connection with their unit on Migration. The locality hosts the migrant Prajapati community that travelled from Gujarat to Mumbai in search of livelihood and better opportunities. The visit, in connection with our 2nd Line of Inquiry helped students to understand that migrants add value to the host land as they bring in their skill set with them enriching the local community.

The students observed the harmony with which various communities stayed together sharing the limited space and resources as one big family. They also appreciated their value system as they shared workspaces, taking turns to use the kiln to bake their pots and seeking permission before lighting the kiln that was bound to inconvenience the residents. While appreciating their handicrafts, the students affirmed their role in enriching the landscape of our city.

Workshops

STORY TELLING

By Inaya Sinha & Shubh Mehta



Collaboration Within the Hill Spring Community: Storytelling with Young Authors. As part of the unit on 'Stories', our Senior KG learners had the opportunity to interact with two talented in-house authors — Inaya Sinha (Grade 5) and Shubh Mehta (Grade 10). Through engaging sessions, the guest speakers shared their experiences of writing captivating novels, offering insights into the strategies and tools they used along the way. Their storytelling journeys sparked inspiration, imagination, and a love for writing among our young learners.

LEARNING THROUGH INSPIRATION

Nursery



As part of their Unit of Inquiry on the Arts, learners engaged in an enriching interaction with senior students, drawing inspiration from their journeys in various artistic disciplines. The session encouraged curiosity, creativity, and a deeper appreciation for the diverse paths one can take in the world of art.



RAINWATER HARVESTING

Grade 3

Kahaan Shah from grade 4, delivered an insightful presentation on rainwater harvesting, highlighting its importance in sustainable water management. He explored how modern architects blend advanced technology with traditional harvesting techniques to create efficient water conservation systems. A key focus of his talk was a school for girls, where innovative design ensures water sustainability while preserving heritage methods. His research, clarity of speech, and enthusiasm for environmental solutions made her presentation both engaging and thought-provoking and helped build connections between the grade 3 Rivers unit.



PARENTING IN A DIGITAL WORLD

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A workshop was conducted for the parents by Ms Reetu Seth, our inhouse psychologist, "Parenting in a Digital World" aimed at instilling core values in children to guide their choices in the online and offline world, strategies for open and honest communication with them, thus fostering trust and understanding and helping them understand and mitigate the risks associated with digital technology and establishing safe online practices.

Workshops

LESSONS IN THE DARK

Antibullying

In a powerful session titled "Lessons in the Dark," students watched a curated collection of short films and real-life stories that beautifully illustrated values like kindness, courage, responsibility, and the impact of individual action.

An Iranian short film touched hearts with its message of empathy, showing how even the smallest act of kindness can transform lives. The story of Jadav Payeng, the Forest Man of India, showcased how one person's unwavering dedication can bring entire ecosystems back to life. A film featuring penguin chicks making a daring leap highlighted perseverance and bravery in the face of fear. A strong anti-bullying message reminded students of the importance of respect, inclusion, and speaking up.

The session concluded with students taking "The Power of One" pledge, promising to make a positive difference every day — by being kind, protecting the environment, and standing up for what is right.



SCHOOL ANTI-BULLYING INITIATIVE

Across PYP, IGCSE, IBDP and AS Levels



BULLYING AWARENESS SESSION

Grade 3

Mrs. Ardeshir conducted an engaging and insightful session on bullying awareness, helping students understand its impact and the importance of standing up against it. Through interactive discussions and real-life scenarios, she encouraged children to recognize different forms of bullying, practice empathy, and develop strategies to respond effectively. The session emphasized self-awareness, kindness, and the power of speaking up, leaving students with valuable takeaways on fostering a safe and respectful environment.



The Anti-Bullying Committee (ABC) is a new initiative by teachers and students across PYP, IGCSE, IBDP and AS Levels aiming to prevent and address bullying in school. Over the first weeks of April, the Committee has conducted three interactive assemblies to tackle the many faces of bullying, be it physical, emotional, social, unintentional, cyber, or disability based. It aims to foster an environment of trust, empathy and self-reflection within the school community. The Assembly encouraged victims of bullying or students who had witnessed a bullying incident to write to the Committee at abc@hsieducation.org. It also sought student support to implement this initiative in full spirit and make the School a safe space for all through ideas for spreading awareness and volunteering.

Soumya Nigam, Grade 11 (IBDP)

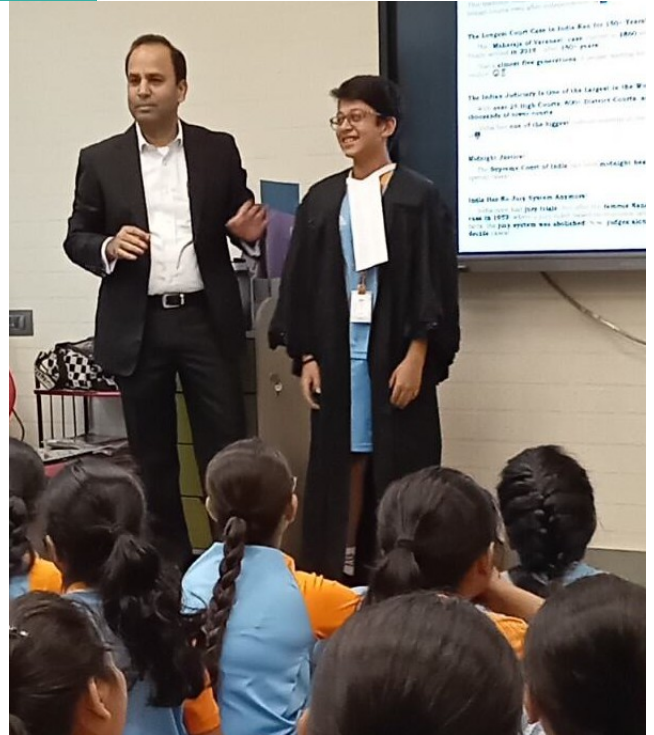
Guest Speakers



LAW OF INHERITANCE FOR WOMEN Grade 6

On 13th February 2025, a guest speaker session was conducted for Grade 6 students on the topic "Law of Inheritance for Women – As Seen During the Vedic Period and Today." The session aimed to provide insights into inheritance rights during the Vedic period and how they have evolved over time.

Students learned about the status of women in vedic period and compared it to modern inheritance laws. The session encouraged critical thinking and discussions on gender equality in legal rights. Engaging examples and historical references made the topic more relatable for students.



Mr. ANISH GAWANDE & Mr. NIMAY DAVE Government System

Involving the Learning Community in the inquiry process plays a vital role in enriching the Unit of Inquiry for students as they can make connections with experts that operate in the real world.

Students of grade 5 had a vital opportunity to interact with two Guest Speakers for the 5th Unit of Inquiry - Government Systems.

Mr. Anish Gawande, the National Spokesperson for the NCP-S kindly accepted our invitation to help students understand the decision-making process in a Government System. Adding simplicity to his delivery, Mr. Gawande made it essentially easy for the students to understand the hierarchy within the Indian Democracy, the level of authority held by our leaders and the passage of Bills and Laws in our country. The interactive session made it simpler for our learners to realise that decision-making is a crucial process and requires thorough procedures to ensure that they are rightfully taken for the benefit of the citizens.

Our second guest Speaker, Mr. Nimay Dave, a lawyer by profession guided the student understanding on the Judicial System of India. Using a visually appealing presentation, he simplified the complex system for our students provoking them to think and ask meaningful questions about the functioning of the courts and role of judges and lawyers. The session helped the students to understand the importance of formulating and abiding by rules and laws.



Ms. KREENA & Mr. NIRAV 3D Printing

We are grateful to Mrs. Mehta for her resourcefulness in arranging a special session for our Grade 1 students with the team from "Kuch Bhi Bana-na". We had the pleasure of welcoming guest speakers Ms. Kreena Shah and Mr. Nirav Shah, who introduced the students to the fascinating world of 3D printing. They demonstrated how 2D shapes can be transformed into 3D forms and assembled into complete objects using a 3D printer. The highlight for the students was exploring a design app that allowed them to create their own objects using 3D shapes—an experience they thoroughly enjoyed!

Guest Speakers



Mr. NIKHIL Skilled Pottery Artist

As part of their exploration of various art forms, learners had the opportunity to engage with Mr. Nikhil, a skilled pottery artist. Through a hands-on session, students discovered pottery as a unique medium of artistic expression.

Working with clay, they created their own little pots, gaining insight into the techniques, textures, and creativity involved in the process. The experience helped them observe the similarities and differences in artistic methods, materials, and individual approaches — making art both meaningful and memorable.



Ms. DUJA ZAVERI Renowned Story Teller

Ms. Duja Zaveri, a renowned storyteller, captivated our Senior KG learners with an engaging and interactive story session.

She brought the delightful tale “Carla’s Sandwich” to life — a story that encouraged learners to embrace open-mindedness and respect for individual choices and uniqueness. The session was not only entertaining but also delivered a meaningful message in a fun and memorable way.



Mrs. GUPTA Loose Parts Play

Learners engaged in a creative Loose Parts Play session led by Mrs. Gupta, where they explored open-ended materials to design unique and imaginative art pieces.

Guided by her thoughtful prompts, students discovered how everyday objects can be transformed into meaningful creations. The session encouraged innovation, problem-solving, and a deeper appreciation for the endless possibilities of creative expression.

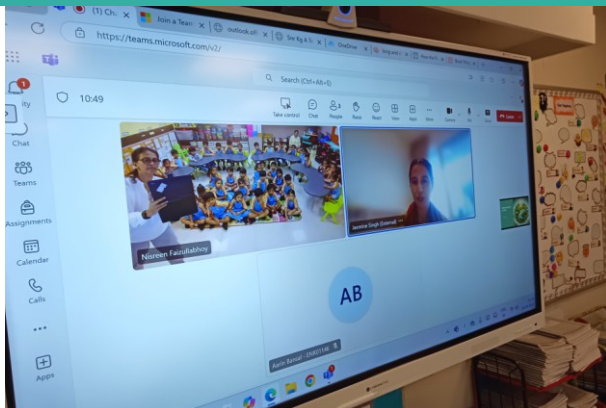


Mr. M. SANTOSH KUMAR Ventriloquist

Mr. M. Santhosh Kumar, a qualified Company Secretary and acclaimed Ventriloquist, is an international artist, TEDx speaker, and voice coach. The only Indian Ventriloquist at the International Ventriloquism Convention (USA) since 2012, he has performed across the USA, UAE, UK, Germany, and India. Known for blending Indian culture, humor, and learning, he won the Outstanding Ventriloquism Artist award in 2021.

He led an engaging session for our Nursery, Junior KG, and Senior KG students. Using puppets, he creatively taught lessons on manners, “good touch, bad touch,” caring for animals, and healthy eating. Held in the Cafetorium, the session was a delightful hit with the children.

Guest Speakers



Ms. JASMINE SINGH Architect

Ms. Jasmine Singh, an architect and professor based in London, engaged the learners in an insightful session on Microsoft Teams about sustainability and the principles of building a sustainable city. She brought the concept to life through an engaging story, Arjun's Adventure, making complex ideas accessible and inspiring for the students.



Ms. ASHWINI GHOLAP NGO-Bombay Foundation of Deaf Women

As a part of UOI Language, Junior KG learners interacted with Ms. Ashwini Gholap from the NGO- Bombay Foundation of Deaf Women to understand how sign language is used as a medium of communication with deaf and mute people. The learners enjoyed learning some simple statements and words in sign language to aid their daily communication.



PANEL DISCUSSION Grade 2

Taking the school as an organization, they understood the concept of 'Role' and 'Interdependence'. The students had a panel discussion with different members of the school. The Panel members were Ms. Nisha, Ms. Havovi, Ms. Nejal, Mr. Durgesh, Ms. Rajyashree, Ms. Bhakti, Ms. Dipti, Ms. Ashwini. Each of them gave an insight into their role in school and how each department was interdependent on each other.



Mr. ANAND KOTHARI Archaeologist

In our Trade unit, we were fortunate to have Mr. Anand Kothari, an archaeologist with a passion for studying coins, share his expertise with our Grade 1 learners. Through a hands-on experience, Mr. Kothari took the students on a fascinating journey through the evolution of money and the timeline of trade, using real historical objects to enhance their understanding.



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