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NEWSLETTER

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Our Trustee's Corner: Insights and Inspiration



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"The things you eat, the friends you meet,
and the books you read will shape the
person you become. Choose wisely."

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... EXHILARATING MOMENTS ...



★ TIMES EDUCATION ICON AWARD

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Dishant Borthakur, Grade 7 secured a coveted spot in the prestigious Mumbai City FC U13 squad. Dishant will now represent Mumbai City FC in the I-League and various Mumbai Football Association (MFA) matches. Coach Praful Darji has played a pivotal role in Dishant's journey.

★ MBIS CELEBRATES THEIR SPORTS CHAMPS THIS DECEMBER: PDSA Basketball Winter League Champs: Football and Basketball Teams

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Nivaan Shah, a gymnast of Grade 5 earned a Gold Medal in both Vault and Handspring, and a Bronze Medal in the Floor (FX) event.

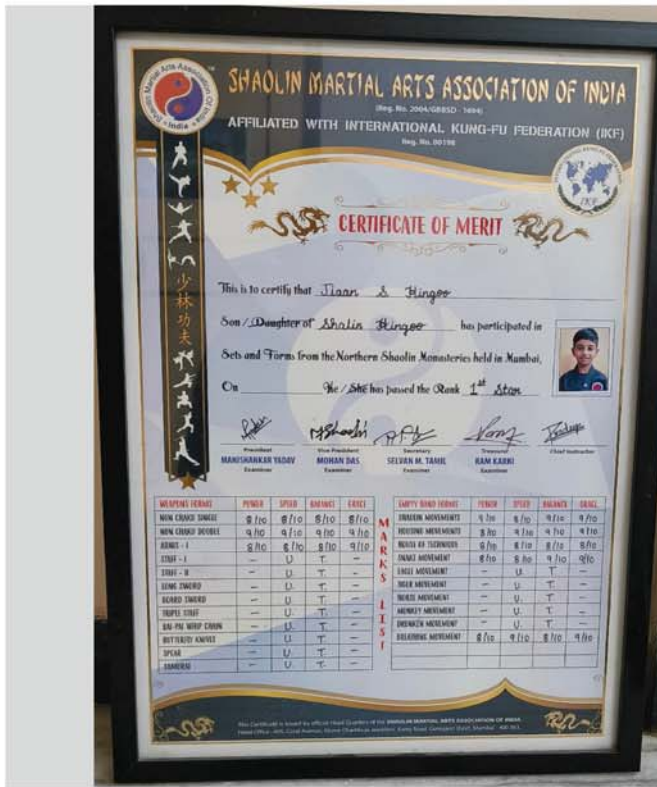


Rudhran Halwai, Grade 1, secured a Gold medal at the 10th National Level Kung Fu Championship in the 17 Kg category.

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Navisha Muleva, Grade 3 secured a Gold Medal in the 10th National Level Kung Fu Championship, in the 30-32 weight category.



Jian Hingoo and Janisha Hingoo, Grade 3 earned their Black Belt in Shaolin Martial Arts

★ ENGAGING ACTIVITIES TO ENHANCE CAMBRIDGE LEARNER ATTRIBUTES

★ PRE PRIMARY

Nursery



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★ NATIONAL MATHEMATICS DAY: Honouring Ramanujan's legacy through Creative and Experiential Learning!

★ PRIMARY: Grades 1 to 5

A variety of activities to highlight the work and impact of the Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan was planned for students

Grade 1 focused on converting multiplication facts into repeated addition.

Grade 2 engaged in 'Spend Money with Math', where they used specimen money to buy books, calculate bills, and determine change.

Grade 3 played basketball in teams, converting their scores into fractions and comparing them to identify the winning team.

Grade 4 participated in a 'Treasure Hunt with Integers', solving integer-based clues to earn points for their group.

Grade 5 explored the idea that 'Math is an expression of the human mind', by creating geometric figures.



★ LOWER SECONDARY, IGCSE AND A LEVELS

Grade 6: French: Group Presentation of French Seasons

Grade 6 French engaged in a collaborative activity reflecting on the differences and similarities of seasons in France and India. They developed their soft skills, especially communication skills by innovatively presenting their ideas in the class.



CEM Assessments: LOWER SECONDARY: Grades 6 to 8

CEM Assessments are designed by Cambridge to help schools support their students' learning journeys and provide insights into their potential and progress that are pivotal to identify skills. Our students actively attempted the CEM Assessments with the guidance of teachers. CEM data can be used to identify the skills of students.



ART EXHIBITION - AURA [A UNIQUE REFRESHING ART]

Exhibits created by students of Grades 6 to 8 were displayed. The exhibition coincided with the Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM), providing parents with a delightful opportunity to witness the creativity and dedication of the students. The event featured a thoughtfully curated layout showcasing diverse art forms, including Mandala design, Indian traditional paintings, Caricatures, Radial Perspective, Polynesian tattoo art, Abstract art, Shoe Design and Bottle Art concepts. The display was arranged in thematic sections, making it easy for visitors to appreciate the unique essence of each genre. Additionally, a special corner was dedicated to Collage art inspired by Henri Matisse and Abstract Art by Piet Mondrain where students explored vibrant colours and compositions.



BEYOND CLASSROOM

★ CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

★ PRE PRIMARY

The day was filled with laughter and joy, as the children enjoyed fun activities such as making Santa and Christmas trees. They were thrilled to meet Santa and receive chocolates from him.



★ **ANNUAL SPORTS MEET**

PRIMARY: Theme: Olympic Adventure – Every Child A Hero, Every Game A Victory!

The Primary Sports Day, graced by the esteemed Chief Guest Mr. Sabyasachi Panigrahi, an international swimmer, was a dynamic celebration of athleticism and spirit. The theme, 'Olympic Adventure – Every Child A Hero, Every Game A Victory' set the stage for an action-packed day. Students from Grades 1 to 5 captivated the audience with impressive performances, including the foam mat display by Grade 1, Wand Display by Grade 2, Grade 3 performing Chair Yoga, Unique show of strength through Martial Arts by Grade 4, and Pyramid formations by Grade 5. Each display was followed by a message. The event also featured fun and flat races, along with an exciting parents' race. Awards were presented to the Best Athletes, Best Walk-Past House and Best House. Parents enthusiastically participated in Fun races organised for them.







★ LOWER SECONDARY, IGCSE and A LEVELS: Theme : Build Skills Over Speed, Teamwork over Talent!

The theme resonating with everyone involved and highlighting the essence of sportsmanship and collaboration, was graced by the presence of our esteemed Chief Guest, Sheetal Shetty, a renowned Former International Tennis player. The displays by our talented students captivated the spectators. Each display demonstrated powerful messages as follows:

- Martial Arts : Voice and Choice: A Symphony of Emotions
- Yoga : The Attitude of Gratitude is the highest Yoga
- Tableau: Develop Skills over Speed

Sapphire House emerged victorious as the Best House overall! They also clinched the Best Walk Past Trophy and triumphed in the Tug of War competition. The outstanding athletes received trophies for their remarkable performances throughout the day. Parent races enthralled one and all.



ANNUAL SPORTS MEET 2024



★ ONE DAY PICNIC

PRIMARY : Grades 1 to 5

CHRISTMAS FUN and CREATIVE LEARNING at MUSO : MUSEUM OF SOLUTIONS

Our students explored the three floors of interactive exhibits, engaging in hands-on activities that fostered critical thinking, creativity, and STEAM skills. Highlights included playful experiments in the Play Lab, solving challenges in the Discover Lab, and crafting innovations in the Makers Lab. The visit was further enhanced by a special Christmas exhibit, showcasing how different countries celebrate the festive season. The children also had the opportunity to meet Santa and participate in various Christmas-themed activities. It was truly an enriching day that sparked exploration, discovery, and new ideas.





... **BEYOND CLASSROOM** ...

★ **LOWER SECONDARY,IGCSE and A LEVELS : MAGIC MOUNTAIN THEME PARK, LONAVALA**

The lively atmosphere—bright colours, cheerful music, and the aroma of freshly popped popcorn, the massive rides looming in the distance, each one more exciting than the last. it was an opportunity for students to experience thrill, create bonds, step out of their comfort zones and create memories they will cherish forever.



... **BEYOND CLASSROOM** ...

★ **SLUMBER PARTY integrated with NATIONAL MATHEMATICS DAY CELEBRATION : COZY VIBES , ENDLESS LAUGHS and MATHEMATICAL FUN**

★ **LOWER SECONDARY,IGCSE and A LEVELS**

At the outset, students gathered on the school ground (PDSA) for some outdoor evening games. The students played Crazy Basketball, Cricket, Dog and the Bone and even the well-known traditional game, 'Saakli'. Students as well as teachers sang songs and Christmas carols, ensuring a smooth transition from live music to dance. Students were then engaged in the National Mathematics Day Celebration. They played a group game Kahoot followed by a unique version of Bingo, where the numbers were replaced with Mathematical operations; students collaborated, competed and celebrated the beauty of Mathematics through games. Grades 9 to A Levels then participated in a Treasure Hunt while Grades 6 to 8 participated in some Indoor Games. Next morning, students were engaged in aerobics and exercises and then dispersed.



... NURTURING ENVIRONMENT ...

★ SEWA- FUND RAISER ACTIVITY 2 : Our Students Turned Santa with a Cause!!!

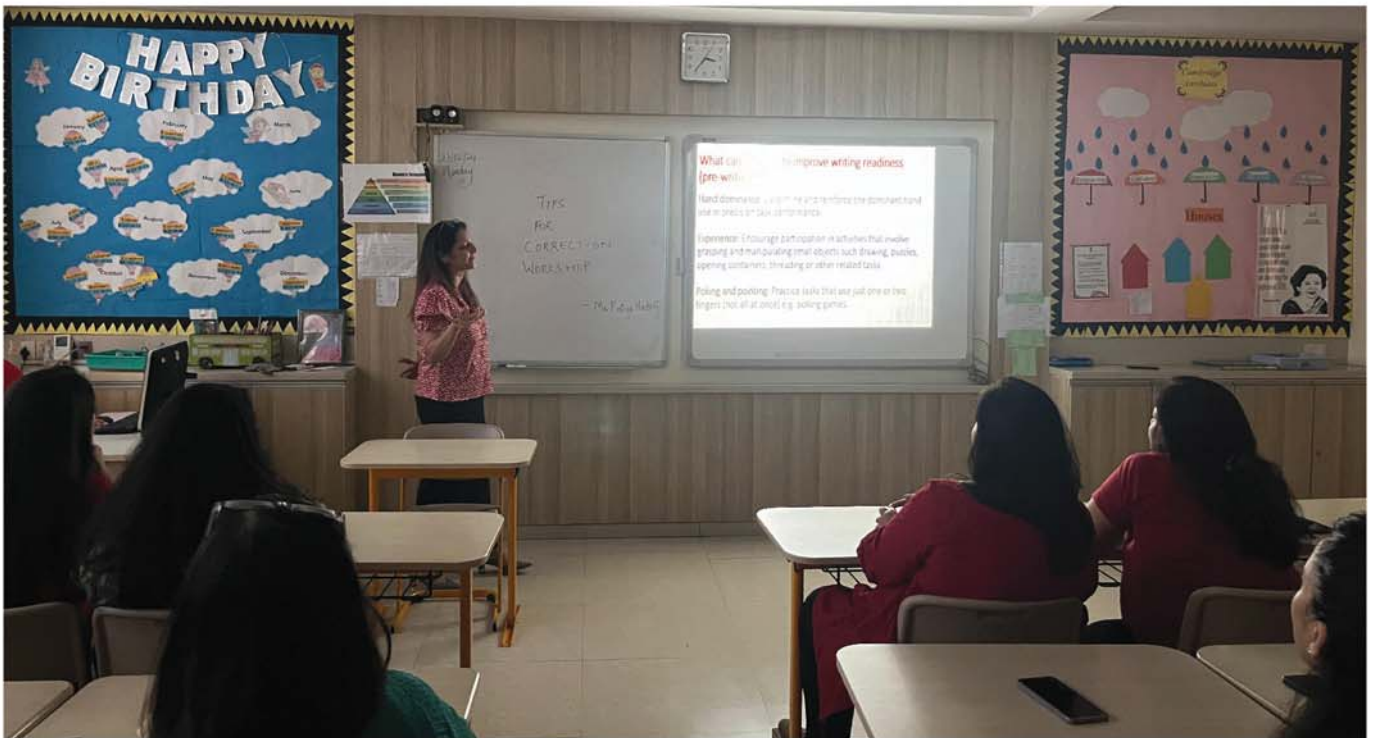
In a heartwarming display of compassion and teamwork, our students of Grades 6 to A levels organized Food and Game stalls. Students across Grades 3 to A Levels purchased food items and enjoyed at the game stalls. The photo booth was a favourite of one and all. The event not only highlighted their culinary skills but also their commitment for giving back to society.



★ TEACHER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

PRE PRIMARY AND PRIMARY: Practical tips for faster and more efficient notebook corrections

Ms. Priya Natraj, our Early Years and Primary Coordinator conducted the session that focussed on efficient notebook correction strategies. She shared practical techniques to streamline the correction process, ensuring students not only complete their work on time but also submit their notebooks for timely review. Strategies such as developing better copying habits, incorporating peer reviews, setting clear submission deadlines, promoting self-correction and making on-the-spot corrections, instituting dedicated notebook-checking days and organizing notebooks in batches were imparted. These valuable insights equipped teachers with effective tools to enhance the efficiency of the correction process while maintaining quality feedback.



★ LOWER SECONDARY, IGCSE AND A LEVELS: Enhancing Communication Skills Among Students

Dr. Ameet Vora, Principal of DGCMS, conducted an enriching session towards empowering teachers to cultivate communication skills as a foundation for lifelong learning and success among students. Key insights from the session included:

1. **Building Listening Skills:** Encourage students to first listen attentively (audio) before acting or speaking, in both monitored and unmonitored settings.
2. **Making Learning Relatable:** Present information that resonates with students' everyday lives for better engagement.
3. **Empathetic Listening:** Build empathy to recognize the personal challenges many may face.
4. **Incorporating Mythology:** Utilize elements like symbols, stories, and philosophies (e.g., Chanakyaniti) to make lessons more impactful and culturally rich.
5. **Storytelling by Real-Life Heroes:** Introduce narratives of real-life achievers to inspire and motivate students.
6. **Adaptability in Approach:** Strategies to suit the classroom dynamics were discussed.
7. **Developing Research Skills:** Guide students in exploring and analyzing information independently to enhance critical thinking.
8. **Parental Involvement:** Organize sessions with parents to align efforts at home and school for better communication development.
9. **Mother Tongue Affiliation:** Emphasize the importance of connecting with one's linguistic roots to build a strong cultural identity.
10. **Strengthening Emotional Quotient:** Focus on nurturing emotional intelligence to create empathetic and self-aware individuals.



