



# Gyan Buzz...

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## DISCOVER THE joy OF LEARNING

Dear Readers,

As I handover the reins of this newsletter to the Principal Mrs. Priyanka Bhatkoti, I am consumed with a sense of contentment. Contentment in the realisation that this newsletter, which is a window to all that happens in the school premises has been published with clockwork regularity. I wish to express my gratitude to the editorial team – both Shreeyans and Shreegurus for discharging their charge with aplomb. For the Shreeyans who have blossomed into young journalist and reporters, I leave a message – Never put your pen down. A pen in the hands of a writer possess the power to inspire action! Go forth to prove yourself!

Best Wishes,  
Brinda Ghosh

### *From The Principal's Desk...*

Dear Sheeparents,

It is a matter of great honour and privilege to lead the prestigious Gyanshree School, Noida.

Achieving academic excellence in education is an immensely satisfying journey as it leads to student success. This can easily be achieved by taking informed decisions in a timely manner with meaningful partnerships between the school and the parents.

The world around us is increasingly a world of opportunities and interdependence. It is of utmost importance that we have a shared vision and mission of developing our students into strong individuals demonstrating critical thinking skills with aptitudes and attitudes of resilience and responsiveness.

Let's collaborate to create a meaningful partnerships to nurture our school into a community of excellence.

Looking forward to achieving this by learning from our past, remaining strongly rooted in the present and working with both perseverance and optimism to create a wonderful future for our students.

Regards,  
Mrs. Priyanka Bhatkoti  
Principal



## *Student Editorial...*

### **Art exhibitions and diary entries**

**“Self-expression is the dominant necessity of human nature.”- William Winter**

A 6-year old, sits surrounded by a variety of wax crayons and oil pastels, and scribbles across a sheet of paper, and the table beneath. Both of these once snow white, are now coloured with a child's innocent delight. He is praised by his parents and teachers, applauded by his friends in attaining true artistic liberty. A 10-year old, sits surrounded by a wax crayons and oil pastels. He is scolded by everyone for colouring out of the lines and eventually forgets how to draw.

The uncomfortable truth today is that we are all abruptly catapulted into a world full of unreasonable expectations when we least anticipate it. One day, our unique manner of living is applauded, and the next day we must conform to the most trodden paths of living.

Somewhere along the hurried path of growing up, we forget the child that wished to colour out of the boundaries to complete his artwork. The most innate tendency of humans, to express themselves, is suppressed by the invisible yet overbearing pressures of society.

Sports, art forms and academic ventures, as means of expressing your thoughts and skills are often burdened with the connotation of excelling in order to be acknowledged and applauded. Due to the fears of ignorance and rejection, of being a failure or an average, we continually pass on opportunities to share our ideas with the world.

Self-expression as an essential quality of human life, is barely encouraged within individuals- certainly not as much as it should be. The culmination of all human experiences and learnings is of no use if it cannot be interpreted, expressed and passed on to the next generation through subjective articulation.

Using paintings, movies, songs, sports, clothes, poems, conversations and the tiniest annotations in novels and newspapers as creative outlets, humans engage in the charming act of simultaneously expressing their individualism and their feeling of belongingness.

An open art exhibition or a private diary entry, these modes of self-articulation allow better understanding of our own personality, intellect and beliefs, and those of others, which wouldn't be possible through mere pondering. Self-expression enhances our self-esteem and skills, and allows actualization of our potential. We learn to grant ourselves approval rather than seeking it from others. It helps us live a psychologically and emotionally fulfilling life.

At the end of the day, financial stability, social acceptance and other aspects of self-sustenance are the primary concerns for most individuals, but the satisfaction we seek throughout the course of our lives can only be accomplished through self-expression. The need for self- sustenance may often surpass the need for self-expression, but one must remember that they are interdependent and equally essential to life a satisfying life.

One must remember, to sometimes colour out of the lines.



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# Pre – Primary Wing

## FESTIVALS AND SPECIAL DAYS

Festivals not only bring joy and excitement but also give an opportunity to celebrate unity in diversity. Diwali and Children's Day were celebrated (during online classes) with a lot of enthusiasm. Teachers narrated the story of the Ramayana. Shreeyans of Pre-Primary celebrated joyfully, the victory of truth over evil, by dressing up for Diwali, recited a rhyme and danced to Diwali songs. They also made crafts to brighten up the school with their skills and creativity. The children were also sensitized towards the hazardous effects of burning crackers and made a poster 'Say No to Crackers'. It was blissful to see the happiness on their faces as they put their handprints while making the craft for Children's Day. Gurunanak Jayanti was also celebrated via a PPT about Guru Nanak ji's teachings followed by a Langar Activity. Shreeyans sat on carpets with their heads covered and ate breakfast together which included Kada Prashad (halwa).



## WILD ANIMALS

The theme for the month of November, for the Pre-Primary was 'Wild Animals'. Shreeyans of PN enjoyed an enactment of the story- 'The Monkey and the Cap seller' by the grade mentors. Shreeyans of Nursery enjoyed some action songs, wherein they learnt how different wild animals move. Story sessions were conducted by the respective grade mentors, especially animal stories with some value.

The Shreeyans also enjoyed few Art & Craft activities -making animals like – zebra, lion, giraffe etc. using techniques like painting with a brush, finger-painting, pasting shapes, and tear & paste. Art activities reinforce their fine motor skills.



## FUN ACTIVITIES TO BUILD GROSS MOTOR SKILLS

Building 'Gross Motor Skills' is very important in the early years of childhood. It enables children to perform everyday functions, such as walking, running, jumping, catching and throwing a ball etc. There were a few activities planned for the Shreeyans of the Pre-Primary Wing for the same. Shreeyans of Pre-Nursery enjoyed walking in a straight line while balancing a tray (with a block on it). Shreeyans of Nursery enjoyed jumping in and out of hoola placed on the ground. The Shreeyans of Kindergarten also did an activity using hoola as obstacles. The Shreeyans had to walk in a zig-zag manner to cross some cones, then jump through a Hoola. All these activities helped in the strengthening their muscles, body movements and eye-hand coordination.





## **HINDI STORY TELLING ACTIVITY**

***Imagination is the key to creativity and stories ignite the imagination!***

A Hindi Story Telling Activity was conducted in the Pre-Primary Wing. Shreeyans of Nursery and KG narrated stories using props (toys and/or pictures). They all participated with great enthusiasm and their efforts were praiseworthy. Shreeyans of Pre-Nursery enjoyed Story Narration by the teachers. This activity helped the Shreeyans to enhance their vocabulary, listening and oral communication skills as well as inculcate values.



## **TRANSPORT**

The Theme in the month of December for the Pre-Primary Wing was 'Transport'. Shreeyans were introduced to various modes of transport (land, water and air) via stories and activities. The Shreeyans were taken outside the school gate to observe vehicles (traffic), a zebra crossing, a speed breaker and a footpath. The importance of following road safety rules was explained by the teachers. The children's creativity was seen in various crafts (PN – car, boat, and helicopter, Nursery – rocket and boat, KG – traffic light and road signs). With the help of a 'model set up' of roads, traffic signs etc. children of KG learned about traffic lights, traffic signs and what they mean as well as pre-number concept 'wide and narrow'. The classrooms were filled with melodies of songs and rhymes about transport. Shreeyans had fun learning.

## **FUN WITH FINE MOTOR SKILLS**

Fine motor skills refer to the ability to make movements with the small muscles in our hands and fingers. These are essential for many everyday tasks like tying shoelaces, buttoning a shirt, using crayons for colouring, and writing. Developing fine motor skills is an important part of a child's growth and learning in early childhood. Teachers of Pre-Primary planned few activities for the same. Shreeyans of Pre-Nursery did finger printing, paper crumpling, bottle cap printing, cotton pasting and sponge dabbing. Shreeyans of Nursery learnt how to wear their jackets. They also did a colour sorting activity using bottle caps. Tapping their fist and palm (alternately) on the table was another fun activity. The KGs learnt the skill of peeling oranges and wearing their jackets and zipping them up.





## **THE CREATIVE ART OF STORYTELLING**

Stories are a powerful tool for teaching children about the world around them. Storytelling allows the children to use their imagination and to be creative. In the month of December, an 'English Story Telling' activity was planned for the Shreeyans of the Pre-Primary Wing at Gyanshree. This gave children an opportunity to re-tell any familiar story in their own words. The Shreeyans of Nursery and Kindergarten prepared and narrated wonderful stories with props. The Shreegurus of Pre-Nursery narrated stories using props. They then encouraged the Shreeyans to share and retell the same stories. The Shreeyans thoroughly enjoyed the activity and were very enthusiastic and excited to listen to their friends' stories.



## **JUST DIAL BACHPAN**

***"A grandparent is a little bit parent, a little bit teacher, and a little bit best friend."***

Gyanshree School organized 'Just Dial Bachpan', an annual event where we invite the grandparents of the Pre-Primary children. This special event celebrates the love and bonding between Shree Grandparents and Shreeyans. The grandparents were welcomed with a tilak. The little Shreeyans presented a Grandparents' Day Song. This was followed by some fun games for grandparents and Shreeyans like Picturebola, Word Bingo, Prop Antakshari etc. Little mementoes made by our Shreeyans were given to the grandparents. Pre-Nursery & Nursery Shreeyans made frames with their handprints and Kindergarten Shreeyans made photo frames for pictures with their grandparents. It was a memorable morning. Just Dial Bachpan is the Gyanshree way to say 'Thank You' to loving grandparents for taking care of and nurturing our little Shreeyans with their love, stories and values.

## **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

Christmas is the time for sharing, caring and giving. It brings cheer and warmth. The Pre-Primary Wing celebrated Christmas with the same fervour. Shreeyans and Shreegurus came dressed in colours of Christmas - red, green and white. They had fun doing some interesting craft activities like making Christmas trees, Santa Claus masks, wreaths and Christmas stockings. They also watched a story about Jesus Christ. A special assembly on Christmas was also conducted by the Shreeyans of Nursery E and KG E.

As part of the Little Chef Activity, Shreeyans made delicious Christmas Cookies (Pre-Nursery), Traffic-Light Sandwiches (Nursery) and Chocolate Balls (KG). They made New Year cards for their families and ended the day by singing Christmas carols and dancing.





# Lower Primary Wing

## DIWALI CELEBRATION

Diwali was celebrated with great enthusiasm and joy by the Lower Primary wing. The corridors sparkled with colourful decorations like **Torans**, intricate **Rangoli designs** adorned the floors. Shreeyans came dressed in vibrant traditional attire made Ganesha with clay modelling. It was a day of unity, laughter and cultural richness, fostering a sense of understanding of diverse backgrounds.



## VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK (VAW)

***“Say no to corruption; commit to the Nation”***

The Lower Primary Wing of Gyanshree School conducted various **age-appropriate activities** in the light of the above mentioned theme. The plethora of activities included –

- The Shreeyans were made to take an **‘Integrity Pledge’** wherein they took an oath of always being truthful and righteous in their deeds.
- The value of honesty was explained to them through **story-telling and role plays** in their classrooms.
- The Shreeyans coloured their hearts out and created beautiful **posters/ slogans** related to honesty and integrated the value earning with art.
- On-the-spot **speaking activities** were conducted and discussions were held.

The Shreeyans were sensitized about the adverse effects of being untruthful and how this trait becomes harmful for the society as a whole.



## ENGLISH AND CRAFT - INTEGRATED LEARNING

The Shreeyans of Grade II learnt about gardening and compost in English literature. They understood how ladybugs are important to control pests. With a view to make their learning integrated with art and craft, the Shreeyans of Grade II made a ladybug craft as a take away and thoroughly enjoyed the activity.

## CHESS FEVER

The CBSE National Chess Championship held at our school was a thrilling showcase of strategic brilliance and sportsmanship. Enthusiastic chess prodigies from various schools across the country gathered to compete in intense matches, showcasing their tactical prowess on the checkered battlefield. Our school's team displayed exceptional skill and determination, maneuvering their pieces with finesse and precision.





## MATH WEEK

**Grades I & II** celebrated '**Math Fest**' for a week wherein various activities and concepts were conducted in a fun way.

The plethora of activities included -

- Number Combination up to 20.
- Skip counting of 2
- Supermarket market (purchasing of good- money combination)
- Importance of number '108' in our religion, universal calculations and other scientific facts
- Invention of 'zero'
- Trick and Treat wherein the Shreeyans shared various math tricks with their classmates and were given candies as a treat by their Grade Mentors
- Presentation on any great Indian Mathematician or any concept to the class.

The activity instilled confidence and love for Math among the Shreeyans.

## GURU NANAK JAYANTI ASSEMBLY

In order to relive the values and teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, Grade II-E conducted an assembly on the special occasion of Guru Nanak Jayanti. The amphitheatre was reverberated by the chants of 'Ik Onkar' on which the Shreeyans explained the meaning of every phrase through a theatrical presentation.



## LEARNING BY DOING

As a part of their **PBLs (Project Based Learning)**, the Shreeyans of **Grade 2** demonstrated their understanding of properties of air and water through experiments that they conducted in front of their class. They spoke about various **properties of air and water** while showcasing the same through hands-on-activities.

Also, they made newspaper bags and folders to reiterate that there is **NO PLANet B!** They enjoyed this activity as they decorated their **newspaper folders** with their creative streaks.



## WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

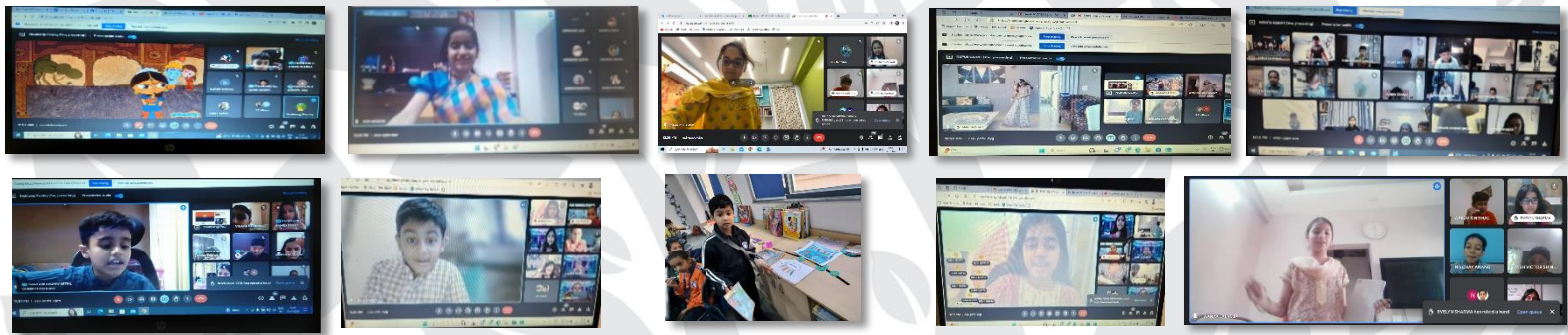
The much awaited festival of Christmas was celebrated with zeal by Shreeyans of Lower Primary wing. Christmas spreads a message of humanity and love to all beings. They celebrated the spirit of Christmas with fervor, while spreading the message of love and joy. Our little Shreeyans came dressed in white and red and started their day by watching a story on baby Jesus, through an assembly conducted by Grade I and II. To add to the fun they participated in various dances, Secret Santa fun and class parties! The school echoed with Christmas carols and holy hymns sung melodiously by the choir ushering in the festive season. Also, in order to make our Shreeyans feel special, the Grade Mentors of Grade II conducted Chef Activity, wherein they made choco-laddoos in their respective classes. The Shreeyans relished the chocolate balls made by their teachers!



# Upper Primary Wing

## **CHILDREN'S DAY WITH A SPLASH OF DIWALI FOR YOU!**

Amidst the cheerful laughter and vibrant colours, the virtual corridors of Primary Wing were filled with exuberance as Shreeyans, Shreegurus, and the staff came together to celebrate Children's Day and Diwali in a unique online celebration. Despite the physical distance, the school community radiated joy and enthusiasm, embracing the spirit of togetherness. One of the highlights of the day was the virtual talent show, where students exhibited their diverse talents, from singing and dancing to poetry recitations, mimicry and skits. The performances showcased the incredible creativity and skills of the young participants. On the auspicious occasion of Diwali, Shreeyans of Grades III – V ushered in the festive season with some meaningful sharing and oodles of joy! They enacted the story of Diwali, made Diwali posters that highlighted the importance of being kind to the environment while enjoying with one's community of family and friends and decorated their classrooms with joyfulness and glee! They also shared little treats and much love with the invaluable support staff, acknowledging their tireless efforts and dedication in ensuring the smooth functioning of the school. It was heart-warming to see each Shreeyan join in and make the day as bright as Diwali itself!



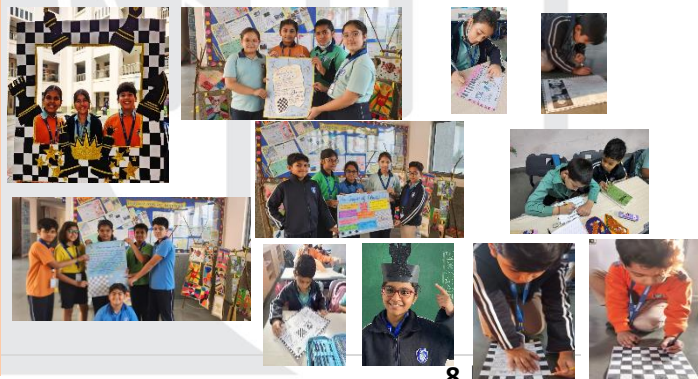
## **SAY NO TO CORRUPTION, COMMIT TO THE NATION!**

Shreeyans of the Primary Wing, actively joined the 'Say No to Corruption, Commit to the Nation' initiative during the 'Vigilance Awareness Week'. This event aimed to instil a strong sense of ethics and integrity in our young learners. It featured a diverse array of creative activities, including thought-provoking role plays, imaginative poster making, inspired poem writing, and the creation of engaging comic strips. Shreeyans wholeheartedly embraced these opportunities, showcasing their enthusiasm for promoting a corruption-free society and pledging their commitment to the nation's welfare.



## **BRINGING THE GAME OF CHESS TO LIFE!**

"Without error there can be no brilliancy" and every Chess Master was once a beginner. Keeping this in mind Shreeyans of Grades III-V set out to explore and learn about this age-old game, even as some of their friends sharpened their skills to represent their school at the prestigious 'CBSE National Chess Championship', hosted by Gyanshree School from November 24 -26, 2023. The eager learners researched and created posters about the various aspects of the game, from 'The origin of Chess' to 'The evolution of Chess' and the role of 'Chess in World Literature'.







### **GETTING TO KNOW THE TROPICAL DESERTS...**

Shreeyans of Grade V were familiarised with the different types of 'Tropical Deserts' through research and collaborative work. The class was segregated into groups and each group brought a different category of the tropical desert into their class as they disseminated information about the life of the human population, animals and plants in those regions.

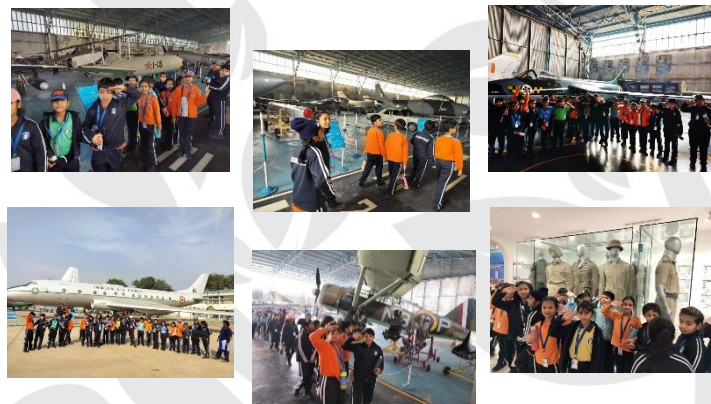
### **LEARNING ABOUT NAVY DAY @ SCHOOL...**

Shreeyans of Grade III celebrated India's 'Navy Day 2023' in the month of December 2023, by making replicas of the Navy's official badges and displaying them with pride, on the occasion. The class engaged in discussions about the Navy and were familiarised with the life of a soldier who serves in the Indian Navy, through videos and pictures, thus sensitizing them to the great sacrifices that our living heroes make for our nation.



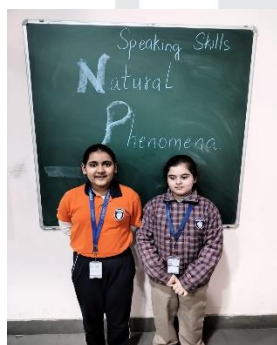
### **A VISIT TO THE AIR FORCE MUSEUM...**

Shreeyans of Grade III learnt much during their visit to the Air Force Museum in Palam on December 15, 2023. The morning started on a high note with the sighting of a guided missile at the entrance itself. Inside the enclosed hangers the Shreeyans saw first-hand the fighter jets used in World War 1 and the war of 1971, besides the 'Hawk Hurricane', the 'Spitfire', the 'Thunderbolt' and several other fighter jets. The statue of Nirmaljit Singh Sekhon who was martyred during the 1971 war was also visited. Additionally the Sukhoi and the MIG 23 were spotted by the enthused visitors, who were filled with the spirit of respect and patriotism for the warriors of our nation.



### **EXPERIMENTING IS FUN!**

Shreeyans of Grade III explored the concept of solubility through experiments that focussed on an object's ability to sink or float in liquids of varying density. The role played by air in combustion was also demonstrated by the inquisitive and joyful pupils.



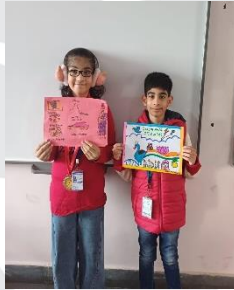
### **BEING SAFE, BEING AWARE!**

Shreeyans of Grade III selected, studied and spoke about a natural disaster of their choice, giving voice to the underlying causes and cataclysmic consequences of such phenomena. They also spoke about what precautions and safety measures can be adopted, to save lives in such dire situations.



### **FOR AIR HAS AND AIR IS!!!**

Shreeyans of Grade IV engaged in a hands-on experiment to explore and understand the properties of air. Through a series of carefully designed experiments, they actively conducted investigations and noted down their observations. Drawing from their collective findings, the scholars and young scientists arrived at insightful conclusions, effectively identifying the distinct properties of air.

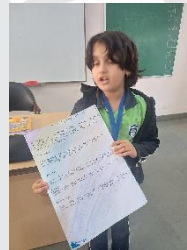


### **GETTING TO KNOW OUR WORLD - ONE CULTURE AT A TIME!**

Shreeyans of Grade IV researched on the different aspects of several cultures around the world which fascinated them and presented their learning with style. It was indeed a great pleasure to behold them articulate their views and findings on a variety of living styles and heritages, with details from Japan to Singapore, from Scotland to Mexico and more!

### **EXPLORING DOWN THE ANNALS OF HISTORY!**

Shreeyans of Grade IV researched and studied about the legacy of the Mughal Period – a glorious time of expansion and innovation in our country's history. From monuments to architectural styles, from administrative setups to their rich cultural heritage, all facets of their reign were explored and investigated!



### **APPRECIATING AND HONOURING OUR SOCIAL REFORMERS...**

Shreeyans of Grade V were familiarised with the work of the greatest social reformers of India, who worked to purge our society from all evil. The contributions of our legendary leaders – B. R. Ambedkar, Swami Vivekanand, Bal Gangadhar Tilak and Raja Ram Mohan Roy in ridding our community life from the influence of all negative practices such as child marriage, sati, dowry system, gender inequality and the rigid caste system were looked into, understood and appreciated.





## **'REVISITING THE GREATEST INVENTIONS OF ALL TIMES...'**

In a dynamic classroom setting, Shreeyans of Grade V delved into the origins and impact of various world-altering inventions that have reshaped our lives and brought our planet back from the brink of extinction, time and again. With focus and great zest, these young innovators explored eco-friendly marvels like solar panels and wind turbines, understanding their role in safeguarding our planet. Simultaneously, they also unravelled the mysteries behind the internet, smartphones and transportation advancements, grasping the essence of time-saving technologies as well.



## **LEARNING ABOUT OUR NATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION DAY!**

On December 14, 2023 Shreeyans of Grade V engaged in slogan writing, miming, skit creation and poster making on the occasion of the 'National Energy Conservation Day'. The thoughtful mentees were taught about the importance of conserving energy and reducing wasteful consumption. The young conservers created posters and explained the importance of energy conservation in depth through the medium of a nukkad natak, which they put up.



## **NATIONAL MATHEMATICS DAY @ SCHOOL...**

Shreeyans of Grades III - V actively participated during the 'National Mathematics Week', at school. They young mathematicians created their own patterns and correlated the same to the importance of patterns in nature. Besides, they also participated in a scavenger hunt activity, based on mathematical concepts in relation to how Math is applied in real life. Intra-class quiz competitions and informational sessions about Srinivasa Ramanujan added to the learning experiences of the week.



## **IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS!**

Shreeyans of Grades III - V ushered in the Christmas spirit of extravaganza with X-mas parties and games. They decked every nook and corner of their classes and also the halls and corridors of their school and danced, sang, and performed their hearts out, making it a very jolly Christmas indeed!

## **IT'S ORIGAMI TIME!**

On 4 December, 2023 all Shreeyans of Grades III- V attended a session on origami that was taken by a team of trainers from Jaipur, Rajasthan. The primary instructor demonstrated the different techniques of paper rolling and cutting to create decorative banners, garlands and paper models of different kinds. The session emphasized on the importance of following a zero





# Secondary Wing

## **CAREER COUNSELLING SESSION**

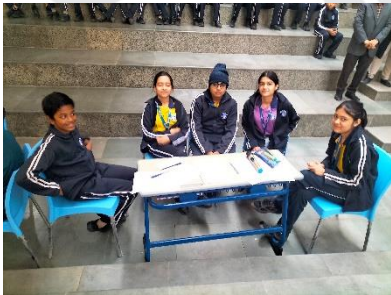
In this fast evolving world driven by technology and artificial intelligence, it is important for students to make the right career choices. They need to be future ready and choose a course with a strong foundation. To apprise students about the benefits of a global education, the various courses offered by universities abroad and guide them about the application process, a session was conducted at Gyanshree School for the Shreeyans of Grade X, XI and XII.

The resource person, Mr. Naveen Chopra, founder of TC Global, has played a pivotal role in transforming the international education landscape. In his talk, he emphasized on the importance of focus, passion and energy in whatever one does in life. He urged students to choose a career path that they are passionate about and be open to taking risks. He also addressed individual queries and guided students about the various opportunities available to them at the university level. The extremely informative session gave students the much needed clarity so that they can make informed career choices in the future.

## **INTER-HOUSE MATH QUIZ AT GYANSHREE**

Mathematics not just nurtures and develops reasoning, critical thinking and problem solving abilities but also forms an integral part of our everyday lives. To encourage students to be alert learners and develop clarity of thought, a virtual Inter-House Math Quiz was organized at Gyanshree School. Mr. Vikram Mishra from the Math Faculty was the Quiz Master for the event. Five students from each house participated in the Quiz.

Agni House was declared the winning team whereas Vayu House and Akash House were the runners up. The Headmaster, Mr. Akashdeep Sharma, congratulated the winning team and applauded the efforts of all those who contributed towards making this online event a success.





### TRIP TO JIM CORBETT

Gyanshree School organized a trip to Jim Corbett National Park for the Shreeyans of Grade VI and VII. This expedition was not only a break from textbooks but also a unique opportunity for students to connect with wildlife and experience the untamed beauty of the natural world.

Guided by experienced naturalists, students navigated through the dense foliage, providing us glimpses of the park's inhabitants, including the majestic Bengal tiger, elephants, deer, and a plethora of bird species. The thrill of spotting these creatures in their natural habitat left an indelible mark on every student. Students actively participated in discussions, gaining a deeper understanding of their role in safeguarding the environment for future generations.



### TRIP TO RATHAMBORE

Embarking on an exciting journey beyond the classroom walls, Gyanshree School organized a thrilling trip to Ranthambore National Park for the Shreeyans of Grade VIII, IX and XI. This trip not only provided a break from the routine but also offered an invaluable learning experience, blending wildlife exploration with fun and camaraderie. The highlight of the trip was the safari and an up-close encounter with wildlife. Shreeyans also got the opportunity to visit historic Ranthambore Fort. In the evening, students got a glimpse of the local culture through traditional dance performances and folk music. Shreeyans came back with special memories and invaluable making this expedition an unforgettable experience.





# Shreeyans' Corner



## VALUE OF THE MONTH

### HONESTY

Honesty is a core value that we seek amid the individuals that we surround ourselves with. Honesty is not merely a virtue; it is a commitment to truthfulness even in the face of adversity. It is the bedrock of transparency, open communication and understanding among individuals. In a world where ambiguity is awfully omnipresent, honesty serves as a guiding light, it helps cultivate a sense of authenticity and individuality, which is something that is so very difficult to achieve. Furthermore, it sparks accountability, encouraging individuals to take responsibility for their actions and learn from mistakes. It also plays a vital role in personal growth, as an honest self-appraisal becomes a vehicle for improvement. The value of honesty ripples through societal structures, promoting justice and fairness. It dismantles barriers of misinformation and fosters a community where diverse perspectives are valued. This month, as we delve into the significance of honesty, let us reflect on its transformative power to shape not only our personal lives but also the broader situation of society, promoting a culture where sincerity prevails, and falsehoods fade away.

**RISHITA KAUSHIK  
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## OUR INDIVIDUALITY AND OUR PERSONALITY

Society, though a seemingly small word, wields immense influence, sculpting the essence of who we are. Owing to the fact that it shapes who we are. I know many of you will say that, "I decide who I am." but you would be taken aback by the fact that society directly or indirectly decides two very important factors of who we are. The two factors which in turn make us who we really are - our individuality and our personality.

Many people have the misconception that both of them mean the same but there is a very thick line that sets them apart. While individuality means asserting oneself with total disregard to society, personality is the overall persona of an individual that is viewed by the society based upon his/her actions and contributions which may or may not be beneficial to the society.

You might be wondering whether we really need both individuality and personality. After all for someone who is living in Antarctica, individuality is extremely important, for them individuality is a tool. On the other hand, for someone living in Delhi, personality is what will help him/her in the long run, it will help them build connections and gain support from people around them.

Well the truth is we all have to strike a balance between our individuality and personality depending upon what we want and where we live. We all can create different personalities for ourselves but individuality is only one. You must know the cliché phrase, "Life is a roller coaster." Well the harsh reality is the faster we accept it, the better. We never know what's coming until bam! It hits us like a bucket of ice cold water. But when it does, what will be of value to us? Our money? Our luxurious bungalow? Our mark sheet? Our grades?

Let the truth be told - it's just us. All by ourselves. But what do we possess? Nothing but the greatest thing anyone can possess- our personality and individuality. We need both since it is personality which helps us express our individuality. Individuality brings out our inner selves which may or may not be 'correct' according to the society but with the right personality we can make a difference.

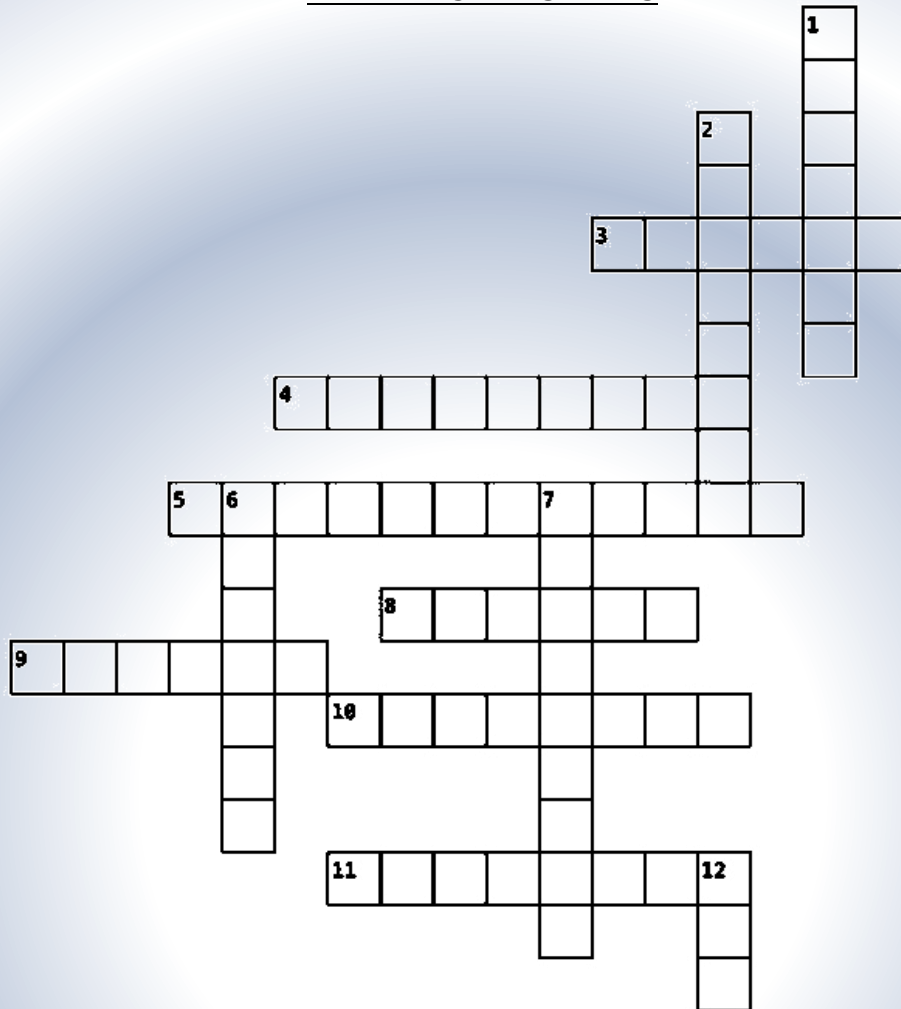
Our days have been, are and will be limited so instead of just following the crowd it is important that we play our own music at times. I believe life is like a game of cards. You never know what you need. Both these quality traits are like a tool, you never know what you need. Nevertheless one thing that we can do at all times is to be "safe" which we'll only be when we learn when we require either of these beneficial traits because once we do that, we have found our inner self. Or should I say who we really are...



**OSHI SINGH  
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## MERRY CHRISTMAS



### **Across**

- 3.** A happy or religious song, usually one sung at Christmas.
- 4.** A plant with yellowish flowers and white berries.
- 5.** A type of incense - producing a strong aromatic scent.
- 8.** The period of four weeks before Christmas.
- 9.** A traditional christmas a drink consisting of rum, brandy, or other alcohol mixed with beaten egg, milk, and sugar.
- 10.** Sparkling or glittering, especially with reflected light.
- 11.** The Christmas season.

### **Down**

- 1.** A ball-shaped Christmas decoration for hanging on a tree.
- 2.** People who sing carols.
- 6.** The name of Santa's red-nosed reindeer.
- 7.** A traditional ingredient for Christmas dishes, especially in America.
- 12.** A supernatural creature of folk tales, typically represented as a small.



## **BOOK RECOMMENDATION**

### **The Little Prince**

Published first in 1943 in French, and later translated to English, 'The Little Prince' is a book often miss-labelled as a children's book due to its simple style of writing. But hidden in the pages are quotes to live one's life by. To learn how to appreciate the beauty of life a child, and to rediscover it as an adult. It's a short must read, even listed in BBC's top 100 books to read before you die.

"And now here is my secret, a very simple secret: It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye."



**ANOUSHKA SINGH  
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### **MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU**

On all the adventures that you embark upon,  
All the challenges that may come your way,  
All the hurdles and obstacles you face,  
Hold steadfast, for brighter skies will sway.

With courage as your faithful guide,  
And resilience in every stride,  
You'll conquer mountains, cross the seas,  
No journey too grand for your heart's decree.

The path may twist, the night may fall,  
Yet your spirit shall rise above it all.  
In the tapestry of moments woven true,  
You'll find the strength to see it through.

So march ahead with purpose bold,  
Embrace the stories waiting to be told,  
With every challenge, you'll renew,  
Your determination and your view.

And as you venture, brave and true,  
Know the Force resides deep within you.  
So take your steps, both tried and new,  
For in your heart, the Force does brew.

On all the adventures, big and small,  
May the Force be with you, standing tall!

**SHREEGURU SHARON PHILIP**



# School News

## CBSE NATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT 2023 BATTLE OF INTELLECT AND STRATEGY

The CBSE National Chess Championship 2023 at Gyanshree School unfolded over three days, commenced on November 24, 2023, with a vibrant opening ceremony. The event saw enthusiastic participation from 101 schools from 9 Zones including Foreign Zone covering 6 countries underlining chess's global appeal.

The grand opening ceremony of the Chess Championship was adorned with the presence of distinguished guests, including Chief Guest Padma Shri, Dr. Zafar Iqbal, former Indian Hockey Player, and Retired Executive Director at Air India. The ceremony also welcomed Guests of Honour Shri Ram Badan Singh, DCP, Noida Central, and Special Invitee Mr. A K Raizada, Director of the Tournament, along with Chief Arbiter Ms. Kavita Patel and Mr. R K Tiwari officiating officer CBSE. Ms. Rita Kapur, Founder Director of Gyanshree School, along with executive members Pradeep Srivastava and K.C. Jain, added to the grandeur by participating in the ceremonial lighting of the lamp and felicitating the guests. In addition to other distinguished guests, the presence of chess prodigies Prince Bajaj and Vantika Agrawal at the event inspired the young cohort of over 600 chess participants, encouraging them to strive for excellence in the game.

Principal, Mrs. Brinda Ghosh, the event's convenor, expressed gratitude for overwhelming support, promising an engaging tournament. Chief Guest Padam Shri Dr. Zafar Iqbal officially opened the championship, sharing inspiring words about the power of chess to cultivate strategic thinking, resilience, and perseverance. The tournament, hosted by the School, continued with a seamless transition to the competitive phase under the guidance of Dr. A.K. Bansal, the school's Director of Sports.

The eagerly awaited closing ceremony on November 26, 2023, marked the conclusion of the captivating chess extravaganza. Chief Guest Shri Anand Agarwal, Managing Director of Haldiram and Chief Patron of Gyanshree School, Noida, led the prize distribution ceremony, joined by Mrs. Preeti Agarwal, a member of the School Management, Mr. A. K. Raizada, Mr. R. K. Tiwari and Chess Prodigy Ajay Santhosh Parvathareddy,. They acknowledged the exemplary performances of the winners and winning teams. Event Convenors Mrs Brinda Ghosh and Mrs. Priyanka Bhatkoti extended gratitude to the dignitaries, participants, and the organizing committee.

Medals and trophies were awarded across different categories, including Under 11 Girls and Mixed, Under 14 Girls and Mixed, Under 17 Girls and Mixed, and Under 19 Girls and Mixed. The Competition was declared closed by Ms. Rita Kapur.





## **SHREEYANS WIN ACCOLADES AT WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP 2023**

Shreeyans truly shone at the World Scholar's Cup 2023, a prestigious international academic competition featuring over 15,000 students from 65 countries. Focused on the theme 'Reconstructing the Past,' the event took place at Indraprastha Global School, Noida, on December 2nd and 3rd, 2023, drawing participation from 74 Shreeyans. The competition included challenging components such as Debates, Collaborative Writing, and the Scholar's Challenge.

On the second day of the event, Shreeyans engaged in the Scholar's Bowl, along with two non-competitive events and community activities. The intriguing motion for the Scholar's Bowl, questioning whether 'Disney should cease live action remakes of their old animated movies,' spurred thoughtful discussions. It is a matter of pride that all 74 participants earned accolades in various categories, showcasing their diverse talents. A particularly noteworthy achievement is that 10 out of the 22 Global qualifying teams hailed from Gyanshree. This speaks volumes about the exceptional performance and preparedness of Shreeyans on the global stage. Their commendable performance at WSC, 2023, is a testament to their academic prowess and dedication to excellence. Congratulations to Shreeyans for this well-deserved recognition!



## **ALUMNI MEET AT GYANSHREE**

The air was filled with laughter and nostalgia as Shreeyans from various batches gathered for the annual school alumni meet. The event served as a heart-warming reunion, bringing together old friends, teachers, and mentors, creating a tapestry of shared memories and cherished moments.

The event began with lamp lighting and a warm welcome from the Principal, Mrs. Priyanka Bhatkoti. A series of engaging activities and games were organized to evoke the spirit of camaraderie among the attendees. The alumni enthusiastically participated, reliving the competitiveness and team spirit that once defined their school days.

The alumni meet also provided a platform for graduates to share their experiences and accomplishments since leaving the hallowed halls of their alma mater. From successful careers to personal milestones, the diverse journeys of the alumni showcased the profound impact of their school education on their lives.

As the day drew to a close, the sentiment among the attendees was unanimous – the spirit of the school lived on in each of them, and the annual alumni meet was a cherished tradition that would continue to strengthen the ties that bind them together for years to come.





## **A DAY OF FUN AND BONDING: STAFF PICNIC AT MANOHAR VAN**

Shreegurus visited Manohar Van for the year end staff and Management picnic. Nestled amidst nature's embrace, the venue proved to be the perfect backdrop for a day filled with team games, boating, kite flying, and a sumptuous lunch.

The Manohar Van picnic not just provided a break from the routine but helped the Shreegurus in creating lasting memories of a day filled with joy, laughter, and shared experiences.







# Laurels



- ✦ Shreeyans Alishiba Raza, Jessica Preet and Mohisha Grover won the First Runners Up position in the Regional Round of BEHES 24, an Inter-School Debate, held at Heritage World School, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023. They have qualified for the National Round, the Maha Behes which will see participants from five countries converge at Ramagya School Noida to battle it out for a shot at the coveted title – a shot at being Maha Behes champions.
- ✦ Shreeguru Anubha Singh Jain received the Global Teacher Award 2023 for accomplishing excellence in educational services on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023, awarded by the AKS Education Foundation. Awardees from 30 plus countries received awards in various categories.
- ✦ Shreeyan Tisya Ahuja of Grade IX secured a gold medal in U14 category in the Gautam Buddha Nagar District Table-Tennis Tournament 2023 held at Noida Stadium on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023
- ✦ Shreeyan Saaira Patro of Grade IX qualified for the next Shooting National 2024.
- ✦ Shreeyan Ritvi Chahuhan of Grade III B participated in the 'JBC Metlife Badminton Tournament' held at the IG Stadium Delhi, November 6, 2023 onwards and secured the 2<sup>nd</sup> position in under-9 category. She also participated in the 'U.P. State Stairs Badminton Championship' held at Mahamaya Stadium, Ghaziabad from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 and secured the 2<sup>nd</sup> position in under-9 and under-11 category in girls singles.
- ✦ Shreeyan Aaradhya Gupta of III C bagged Bronze medal in Sub-junior National Karate Championship – 2023.
- ✦ Shreeyan Advit Arya of V G, secured a gold medal in Under 11 category in the 'Racket Rumble Badminton Championship – 2023' held at the Spudfy Badminton Academy Ghaziabad on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2023.
- ✦ Aricia Bachar of V F, now a black belt in karate. She trained at and cleared the qualifying round at 'Indesign Martial Art Association', which is recognized by the 'Karate India Organization'.
- ✦ Shrihan Kwatra of Grade VF participated and bagged a trophy in the under 12 boys - singles category, at the Lassiter Tennis Academy, on 2-3 December, 2023.



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