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EDITORIAL



Dear Readers,

The months of September 2023 to March 2024 in the school were marked with memorable events, glorious achievements, joyous celebrations, exciting outbound trips and tours, amazing collaborative learning and a spike in the happiness index. It gives us immense pleasure to present a kaleidoscope of the activities held in the school during these months. Happy Reading!

Duo shine at the 4th International Reading Olympiad



AISHWARYA PANDEY



ANANYA MARNDI

Our young Bibliophiles made the school proud with their outstanding performance in the 4th International Reading Olympiad conducted by the leading online reading platform fREADom.

Aishwarya Pandey of Grade 4 secured the Second Runner Up Position at the International Level whereas Ananya Marndi of Grade 6 was declared the Second Runner Up at the Zonal Level.

Battle of Minds-Indian Army Quiz 2023- Paulines' feisty performance in the Semifinals



With a commendable performance, the team from our school qualified for the semifinal round of the prestigious 'Battle of Minds- Indian Army Quiz '. 32,000 schools of the country had participated in the online preliminary round of the Quiz. The landmark Indian Army Quiz was held to commemorate the 25th anniversary of India's victory in the Kargil War.

The team members Jeny Hinsu (Grade 10), Aarav Astu, Fazila Bharmal and Samrat Sinha (Grade 9) displayed amazing grit and gumption in the quarter finals round of the Quiz held at Pune, battling it out with top 40 schools, earning a spot in the semifinals. They gave a spirited performance in the semifinals held at Chennai in the month of December 2023, where they conceded their spot in the finals with a narrow margin. All the four students were awarded with a cash prize of Rs. 20,000 and a Samsung Tablet each.

Future Classroom by LUXROBO, South Korea Driving Innovation



Our school has always been at the forefront in driving innovation in the classrooms and adopting the latest technological tools for making teaching and learning process engaging. The school has developed a Future Classroom cum Lab in collaboration with LUXROBO, a South Korean company that designs interactive Robotics and AI programming tools and modules. The Lab was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Benoy, CMI.

The introductory sessions for the Future Classroom were held in the school from 15th to 19th January, 2024 for the students and teachers of Grades 3 to 9. The students had great fun learning through the MODI (STEAM and AI) module and working with the 'Brick Pack Inventor' creating robots like Guide Bot, Bumper Car, Viking Ship, Spinner, Counting Bot, Earthquake Alarm and Spotlight among others.

MERCADO 2023 Impacting Lives through Social Entrepreneurship!

MERCADO – a three days long social entrepreneurship programme cum trade fair was organized by the Commerce Department in the school from 30th September to 2nd October, 2023. Rev. Fr. Benoy, CMI inaugurated the trade fair. A shopping bazaar with more than 40 stalls was set up by the students offering a wide range of products.

The game zone and the food courts saw a beeline of visitors



enjoying themselves. Six different Fashion Shows were presented by the students of Grades 1 to 6 during the event. The young fashionistas charmed the visitors with the amazing poise and chutzpah they displayed on the ramp! A popular RJ of the city and a well know guitarist were also invited to entertain the audience. The event, which was huge success, saw a footfall of more than 3000 visitors. The students visited Philip Care AIDS Centre at Anjar, Kutch on 30th December, 2023 and donated the entire proceeds from the event for the treatment of AIDS patients there.

Saint Paul's School MUN Fostering diplomacy and dialogue



The school hosted the 7th edition of its MUN Programme for the students of Classes 7 to 12 on 8th and 9th December, 2023. The programme was organized by the school in association with SkillSphere Education, a pan India educational enterprise that conducts various skillset development programmes for students.

The programme was inaugurated with the lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest Prof. Arvind Akshan, HOD Physics, Christ College, Rajkot, Rev. Fr. James, Principal, Ms. Pranjali Magar from SkillSphere and one of the student representatives.

212 students from 6 reputed schools of Rajkot participated in the MUN under various committees like the United Nations Security Council, United Nations Environment Programme, UN Women, United Nations General Assembly and the Lok Sabha, as delegates representing different countries. The agenda of the programme was 'Development and Equality beyond borders'. During the conference, the delegates researched their assigned country's policies and positions on the agenda. The stimulating MUN sessions saw the delegates utilize their skills of introduction, opinion development, debating, collaborative problem solving and drafting resolutions.

The dedicated involvement of the organizing committee, volunteers and the delegates was recognized during the closing ceremony. The winning delegates were given certificates by the Principal.

Youth Parliament The Voice of Young India



The future of India lies in the hands of empowered youth! Youth Parliament, a customized simulation of the actual Indian Parliament Session, was conducted in the school on 3rd October, 2023 for the students of Grades 9 and 10 to provide a platform to 'Young India' to ideate on initiatives for social action and transformation. Training sessions were organized for the students before the actual session by the SkillSphere Education team to familiarize them with the functioning of the Parliament Sessions.

The agenda for discussion during the mock Youth Parliament was 'Challenges in the education system at Pre-Primary, Primary, Secondary and Senior Secondary levels'. In groups, the students debated on the existing problems in the education system and proposed concrete solutions for the same. Parents were invited to watch the young leaders in action. The Youth Parliament Session helped the students understand the importance of discipline, tolerance of the views of others, practices and procedures of the Parliament and the power of democracy.

Career Counselling Seminars The way ahead

Mr. Surya Kumar, Expert Coach for Competitive Exams and Teachers' Trainer, was invited by the school in the month of January, 2024 to guide the parents of Grades 8 and 9 regarding the career options for the students in various streams. Thereafter, the teachers of the school conducted similar Career Guidance sessions for the students of Grades 7 to 9.



Seminar on 'Effective Learning Strategies' Learning how to learn well!



An interactive seminar on 'Effective Learning Strategies' was conducted at the school by eminent educationist Ms. Kabita Agarwal on 25th January, 2024. Techniques like acrostics, brainstorming, thought patterns, graphic organizers, video and audio lessons and story board were discussed with the students during the session.

Teacher's Day Celebrating the beacons of Knowledge

Various activities were conducted across all the grades to celebrate Teacher's Day in the school. The students of Primary School conducted a special assembly to express their love for the teachers. They also made gratitude cards for the teachers thanking them for shaping their lives.

The students of Middle School presented a Talent Show for the entertainment of their teachers, decorated the school notice boards with messages for their teachers and enjoyed a potluck party with them.

The students of Grade 9 and 10 conducted classes for the support staff under the programme 'Each One Teach One' in the school premises, paying tribute to their teachers in this unique way. Class 11 presented a special assembly dedicated to the teachers which included dance, poems, speech and a thought provoking mime.



An evening at School

Learning beyond the classrooms

An evening spent at school offers an opportunity to the students to acquire life skills and learn beyond the school hours. With this objective, the school organized 'An Evening at School' for the tiny tots of Pre-Primary and Grades 1 to 4.

The school playground resonated with loud cheers from the little champs as they performed activities like balancing, jungle gym, crossing over ropes and passing through tunnels. The hissing of the puppet snake on the drum beats had the children break into peals of laughter! The children thoroughly enjoyed navigating through various patterns and shapes painted on the floors.



Field Trips and Educational Visits at a Glance

Watson Museum -Grade 4

Regional Science Centre-Grades 4, 6, 7

Industrial Visits-Balaji Wafers, Vishwas Oil, Fortune Hotel-Grade 7

Educational Tour to Indroda Nature Park and Mahatma Mandir Convention and Exhibition Centre, Gandhinagar- Grade 8

Educational Tour to Kutch-Grade 9



Confluence 2023

Annual Pauline's Day - Grades 9 and 10

Annual Pauline's Day-Confluence 2023 was organized at the school on 27th August and 3rd September 2023 respectively for the students of Grades 9 and 10. The students presented innovative projects in Math, Science, Social Science, IT, Robotics and Art based on the concepts studied by them at school.

The dramatized versions of Ajay Shukla's satire 'Taj Ka Mahal Ka Tender', Charles Dicken's 'Oliver Twist' and Dhumketu's 'Post Office' by the students of Grade 9 were greatly appreciated by the parents. The mime on the misuse of mobile phones by the Grade 9 Mass Media and Communication students struck the right chord with the audience as a serious message was presented, albeit in a light hearted manner!

The Grade 10 students brought alive on the stage, William Shakespeare's 'The Merchant of Venice', Kundanika Kapadia's 'Sanskar ni Shrimantai' and the immortal saga of Panna Dhai's sacrifice. A 'Food Fair' was also organized on the occasion by the students and the entire proceeds were donated for a social cause.



Annual Pauline's Day- Grade 1



The Grade 1 students showcased their learning during the Annual Pauline's Day held on 15th October, 2023. The young learners took their parents on a journey of the school through various knowledge stations. At the first station, the students presented basic parade drills. At the second station, aptly called 'The Wings of Imagination', the students worked in groups to create stories using materials like blocks, wooden houses, animals, puppets and different shapes. At the next three stations, the students explained the processes involved in the Warli art designs made by them on the walls of the school garden, the colourful sand art work created by them and the art of 'tie and dye' or 'bandhej' learnt by them prior to the event. They even donned the T-shirts designed by them using the 'tie and dye' method. The children enjoyed painting 'diyas' using acrylic colours with their parents. Various physical fitness skills like bouncing, dribbling, jumping over hurdles, crawling and zigzag running were demonstrated by the students during the event.

The students displayed their learning of the basic 'alankars' and dance 'mudras' in front of their parents. They also sang the beautiful song 'Together We Can Change the World' as part of their understanding of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Mission Plants Annual Pauline's Day- Grade 2

The students of Grade 2 presented their Annual Pauline's Day on 13th January, 2024 on the theme of 'Plants'. The school courtyard underwent a magical transformation, blooming into a vibrant floral wonderland! The students wore beautiful stoles which had their self-created block print patterns on them.



The event began with a shloka recitation followed by a dance performance by the students on the song 'I Can Fly'. Thereafter, the students and parents embarked on an immersive journey to designated areas. Along the way, the children showed different types of plants growing in the school and shared fascinating facts about them. A cozy and peaceful library with soothing music was set up in the school garden where the children read captivating books on the theme of 'Plants' to their parents. Next, the parents were taken to the Kitchen Garden and the Organic Fertilizer Pit, where the students explained the benefits of edible parts of the plants and demonstrated the process of making a compost pit. At the 'Art House', the children worked in groups to create scarecrows and explained how they help the farmer protect crops from pests and birds. The children exhibited their football and basketball skills at the fitness corner.



Mission Water

Annual Pauline's Day- Grade 3



The young learners of Grade 3 made 'Conservation of Water' their mission for the Annual Pauline Day held on 3rd February, 2024. The event began with a choreographed presentation on the transformation of water into its solid, liquid and gas form by the students. Each child wore a headgear resembling a water droplet.

The programme involved presentations on Rainwater Harvesting, Reverse Osmosis, Need for Water Conservation, Paper Marbling, Blow Art and Paper Mache activities. A skit on water pollution was performed to spread awareness on the issue and the role of river Narmada was highlighted with the integration of the song 'Reva'. The students explained the aims, objectives and processes of each presentation to their parents. To showcase the efforts put in by the children, a wall describing their entire journey was prepared.



Creativity Galore

Annual Pauline's Day- Pre Primary School

The Annual Pauline's Day events for the Pre Primary Section were held on 27th January and 10th February, 2024. The events brought to the fore amazing talents and creativity of the young learners. The tiny tots confidently showcased their reading, speaking, gross motor and life skills. They shared their knowledge about animals and birds with the parents. They also won the hearts of one and all with their captivating dance performances. The parents were thrilled to watch the videos capturing the glimpses of their children's time spent at school. They were extremely happy to see the projects works of their children adorning the classroom walls.



Annual Pauline's Day Grade 5

The showcasing event for Grade 5 was organized on 9th March 2024. A drama through poetry on the theme of 'Kindness' was presented by the students. The parents were given cards by the students with quotes on 'Kindness' and a message of 'Thank you for being kind.' 'Musical Jugalbandi'- a fusion of song, dance with traditional instruments like harmonium and tabla to the tune of classical musical hymns was presented by the students. The students created awareness on road safety through a skit titled 'Yamraj No Darbar' in Gujarati and a road safety song in Hindi. The Science section titled- 'A Road to Heaven' showcased the ecosystem of Rann of Kutch and Banni Grassland. The Math section was an hands-on activity for parents on tessellations/tiling (arrangements of shapes) and integers. The Social Studies section showcased early humans, our ancestors and early discoveries through timeline with the message 'World of Unstoppable Us'. The Computer section offered tips on 'Internet and Online Safety'. The students also used Scratch Interface codes on topics like 'The Human Heart', 'Seed Dispersal', 'Conversation' and 'Math Calculator'. The Art section included paper rolling techniques to form captivating paper chains, natural line drawing and intricate pattern art. The students depicted landscapes, colourful clowns made of paper chains, dance forms like Kathkali utilizing cool, warm and complementary colour schemes.



Annual Pauline's Day Grades 6 to 8



The students of Middle school had their Annual showcasing in the months of February and March 2024. During the Annual Pauline's Day for Grade 8, the students exhibited amazing Basketball and Football strategies through musical drill, presented dance dramas, recited Bhagvad Gita shlokas on Pakhavaj and displayed a unique rangoli of the State of Gujarat with various models like Gir forest, Statue of Unity, Amul Factory, Somnath temple, Rani ki Vav and Surat Diamond factory among others. Innovative Maths, Science and Computer Science Projects, working models and live experiments by the students were appreciated by the visitors. The students also informed the parents and visitors about career options in different subjects.

The Annual Pauline's Day for Grade 7 had the students demonstrating interesting projects on Maths, Science, Social Science and IT based on the theme of countries. The students showcased their language and theatre skills through a drama and displayed their sporting abilities.

Annual Pauline's Day for Grade 6-Grassroots was held to bring to the fore the understanding of the students through practical demonstrations. The students, who were divided into four groups, took their parents through eight subject stations. Each station offered insights into different subjects, making the event informative and engaging. The Biology station dealt with the concepts of Nature Journaling and Identification of plants. The Physics station had the students explain the science behind simple machines, magnetic properties and force. Elements and compounds and basic chemical reactions were explained at the Chemistry station. The role of Data analysis and Geometry Basics formed part of the Maths station.

Chronological Thinking skills, Civic Responsibilities and Governance were highlighted at the History and Civics station. The concepts of Climate and Weather Awareness, Cultural Awareness, Diversity, Map Reading and Interpretation were highlighted at the Geography station. A drama on the great scientist Marie Curie was one of the major attractions of the programme.



Annual Pauline's Day Grade 4



Annual Pauline's Day of Grade 4 was held on 16th March, 2024 with a unique and insightful theme- 'Me and Millets'. The event featured five intriguing junctions, each offering a different perspective on millets.

Millet Memoirs: Traditional food recipes, farming tools, and preservation techniques were showcased, providing visitors with a glimpse into the rich heritage associated with millets.

Dr. Poaceae: This junction highlighted how soil becomes fertile through the cultivation of millets, emphasizing the importance of sustainable farming practices.

Millet Market: The students enthusiastically participated in selling millet puffs (mamra), packed by them, creating a vibrant marketplace atmosphere.

Māthèma: The visitors were treated to a visual representation of millet production in our country through a bar graph, offering insights into the agricultural landscape.

Millet Gallery Walk: Information related to millets, including their role in Indian economy, climate requirements, and their significance, was displayed, enriching visitors with valuable knowledge.

Before exploring the junctions, parents were entertained with a thought-provoking street play titled 'MILLET KRANTI', followed by an advertisement crafted and presented by the talented students themselves.



Celebrations

Embracing the Festive Spirit

Navratri and Diwali

Keeping the tradition of Navratri alive, the school organized 'Garba Utsav' for the students and staff. The celebration began with the conventional 'Aarti' led by Principal Rev. Fr. James, followed by specially choreographed traditional sheri garba, dandiya and sword dance performances by the students. The school courtyard transformed into a dance floor as the students and staff enjoyed swirling gracefully in sync with rhythmic garba beats. The lovely garba decor and the traditional attires of the dancers added a splash of colour to the festive ambience! The best dressed garba players and the best garba dance performers were recognized. In view of the Diwali festival, an enactment of Ramayan in the form of a dance drama was also presented by the students. The young learners of Grade 2, in their inimitable style, made an appeal to everyone to observe a 'Green Diwali' through their skit.



Christmas



Christmas celebration at the school was everything bright, nice and merry! In true Christmas spirit, besides woollen clothes, the proceeds from the Food Fair organized in the school and old newspapers collected by the students and teachers were donated to an NGO for mentally challenged children.

All the school notice boards and classrooms were decorated on the theme of Christmas by the students. The Primary School students had exciting activities like Christmas tree and candle decoration whereas the students of Middle School made Christmas Cards and unique life size Santa Puppets. The students of Grades 9 and 7 presented a spectacular Christmas Programme on the occasion which included Christmas messages, skit, dances and carols.



Sports Round Up

Basketball

The school U-11 and U14 Basketball Teams (Boys) secured First and Second Positions respectively in the District Level Basketball Championships held at Rajkot.

Harshil Kasundra, Pratik Mudalair, Aditya Faldu, Hitarth Dhaduk participated in U 17 (Boys) and Arya Poriya participated in U 14 (Boys) National Level Basketball Tournament by CISCE at Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu.



Badminton

Radhika Sejpal and Maitreyee Acharya secured the First Position and won the trophy in the ASISC NWR Badminton U 17 (Girls) Team event at Baroda.

Tanish Bhimani, Radhika Sejpal and Parva Vithlani participated in National Level Badminton Tournament by CISCE at Bangalore.



Lawn Tennis

Kanishkaba Gohil and Pari Bhalodiya were the First Runners Up in ASISC NWR Lawn Tennis (U 14 Girls) Team event held at Nadiad whereas Jainil Raithatha secured the Fourth position in the Individual event (U14 Boys). Vivaan Tolia and Aarush Sukhadiya were the First Runners Up in the U14 (Boys) Lawn Tennis Team event in the same competition.



Athletics

Om Nathwani secured Gold Medal in the District Level Athletics Competition held at Rajkot.

Swimming

Vivaan Bhuva and Mahin Pandya secured Third Position in District Level U 14 (Boys) Swimming Competition held at Rajkot.

Gymnastics

Devanshi Zankharia secured Second Position in District Level Gymnastics Competition held at Rajkot.

Taekwondo

Taksh Mehra and Param Mera secured Gold Medals in District Level Taekwondo (U 14 Boys) Competition held at Rajkot.



Chess

Darsh Jobanputra and Presha Kothari participated in National Level Chess Competition by CISCE at Hyderabad.



Karate

Our Karate Champs participated in Karate Championship organized by Sports Authority of Gujarat at Rajkot and brought in a string of medals for the schools as follows:

- U 17 Prapti Bhimani **Gold Medal**
- U 17 Rishi Pajwani **Silver Medal**
- U 17 Prasham Tanti **Silver Medal**
- U 14 Harvi Rupala **Gold Medal**
- U 14 Adhya Sheth **Gold Medal**



Skating

Aishwarya Pandey of Grade 4 secured Gold Medal and Devam Kotak of Grade 3 secured Bronze Medal in the Skating Competition conducted by the Sports Authority of Gujarat in Rajkot.

Ronit Katrodia, Jenita Parmar and Diaan Moliya participated in the National Level U 14 Skating Championship by CISCE at Pune.



Table Tennis

Our students bagged medals at U 17 (Boys) District Level Table Tennis Tournament held at Rajkot:

- U 17 Shivansh Zalavadia **First Position**
- U 14 Divya Patel **First Position**
- U 14 Rushiraj Rathod **Fifth Position**
- U 14 Yuvraj Malik **Fourth Position**



Cricket

Cricket Tournament was conducted by School Games Federation of India at Ahmedabad in which the following students participated :

Naman Kotak (U 14)

Darsh Vadnagra (U 16)

Om Chandarana, Rudra Mehta (U14)



Football

Dhyani Kathirya and Shyama Parmar participated in the U 14 (Girls) National Level Football Tournament by CISCE at Agra.

Krishna Kotak, Shreya Dattani, Heer Garala, Swaira Dalsania participated in U 17 (Girls) National Level Football Tournament by CISCE at Trivendrum.

Ved Vadalia and Hitanshu Bhatt participated in U 19 (Boys) National Level Football Tournament by CISCE at Bhubaneshwar.



Khel Mahakumbh 2024



- Our U14 (Boys and Girls) and U 17 (Boys and Girls) Football A teams bagged the Champions Trophy.
- Our U14 and U 17 (Boys) Basketball teams bagged the Champions Trophy.
- Our U14 (Boys) Football B team secured the Second Position and Basketball B team secured the Third Position.
- Kansihkaba Gohil bagged the Gold Medal in U 14(Girls) Lawn Tennis event.
- Divya Patel secured the Gold Medal in U 14 (Boys) Table Tennis Competition.

Interschool Competitions

Junior MUN

Junior MUN Competition was held at Greenwood International School, Rajkot on 9th and 10th February. Our students from Grades 3 to 5 participated and bagged the following prizes:

Brilliant Ideator- Aishwarya Pandey and Alex Sudamadiya

Commendable Problem Solver- Peehu Dhanesha an Trishan Shares

Excellent Researcher- Manasvi Vora

Amazing Collaborator- Devansh Chheladiya

Swami Vivekanand's Birth Anniversary Competitions at Ramkrishna Ashram

Various Competitions were held at Ramkrishna Ashram, Rajkot on the occasion of the Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekanand. The performances of our students were recognized as follows:

Pear D'souza	Grade 2	First Position-Hindi Recitation
Tithi Serathiya	Grade 2	First Position-Drawing
Dhairya Sodha	Grade 2	Fifth Position- Drawing
Pranshi Patel	Grade 2	Fifth Position- Fancy Dress
Tanay Meghani	Grade 3	First Position-Drawing
Alex Sudamadiya	Grade 3	First Position-English Recitation
Aishwarya Pandey	Grade 4	First Position-Sanskrit Recitation
Veda Aghera	Grade 4	Second Position-Hindi Recitation
Saanvi Gadara	Grade 5	First Position-English Recitation
Piya Kamani	Grade 5	Second Position-English Recitation
Rachit Vyas	Grade 5	Second Position-English Elocution
Deveshree Khooman	Grade 5	Third Position-English Elocution
Kunj Shukla	Grade 5	Second Position-Hindi Elocution
Nishant Mehta	Grade 5	First Position-Gujarati Elocution
Piya Kamani	Grade 5	Second Position-Fancy Dress
Kashvi Vadgama	Grade 7	First Position-English Elocution
Jiyanshi Nandha	Grade 7	Fifth Position-Drawing
Divya Patel	Grade 7	Second Position-Hindi Elocution
Heaven Pateliya	Grade 7	Second Position-Gujarati Recitation
Riya Thomas	Grade 8	Second Position-Fancy Dress
Mishti Samani	Grade 10	First Position -English Recitation



Our students also participated in the following Competitions:

Rotary Spell Bee
Competition for Grades 3 to 5.

Interclass Competitions

The school was abuzz with an array of grade wise Interclass Competitions like Monologue, Extempore, Recitation, Singing, Debate, GK Quiz, Current Affairs Quiz.

Nail biting moments were witnessed during the Interclass Football and Basketball Competitions held in the school for Grades 4 to 12.

