



OPEN MINDS
A BIRLA SCHOOL
KANKARBAGH



NEWSLETTER

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Session : 2023-24



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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Reader,

The year seems to be flying by and we are about to reach the Mid of the session with the Mid Term Examination scheduled this month. Despite the exams that commence in the last week of the month, students enthusiastically participated in a plethora of activities that kept the students' attention observed for the whole month, and their shining faces voiced a tale of creativity meeting opportunities. They learn a number of things books could never have taught them.

This August too emerged a gleaming example of experiential learning for children of OMK as they enjoyed a number of events from learning social skills to electing their representatives in the student council, and from the plantation drive to celebrating the 76th Independence Day. Various activities conducted by CBSE also kept them on toes. But all these endeavours were highly useful as they taught them team spirit, cooperation, leadership skills and challenged their thinking faculties to the utmost.

Assemblies, on a range of thought provoking topics compelled them to explore the inner recesses of their minds and find the best from within. They also taught them how to challenge the limitations environment around imposes on them.

Even the country achieved a big milestone in space technology when its lunar mission Chandrayaan 3 became a roaring success. Every Indian heart swelled with pride and all the kudos go to ISRO which has earned a profound respect for India's space programme in the entire world. The scientists of Indian Space Research Organisation have inspired the whole nation with this phenomenal achievement on a mere shoe-string budget. Our gems in ISRO have realised 'where there is a will there is a way'.

Ultimately, it would be worthwhile to thank all the members of the OMK family for performing all the required tasks with zeal and without complaining. I would like to wish our students for the mid-term exams which are already in progress.

Wish you all a happy reading!

Yours truly,

Reshma Singh

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SINGSONG WORDS

Poetry is beauty in words. It comes out of the heart and overwhelms the mind with sheer emotions it produces in diction. It's like a brook flowing down the mountains of life chattering and babbling to itself on every twist and turn it takes. The students of Grade 2 acquainted the audience with spontaneous overflow of such joy through colourful recitation of verses. A glimpse...



2 Iota



2 Delta



2 Iota



2 Iota



2 Omicron



"Poetry is the rhythmical creation of beauty in words."



“Poetry is like a bird, it ignores all frontiers.”

TREES

THE GIVERS OF LIFE!

Can we imagine life on this planet without trees? They are the lungs of the earth. Apart from providing us with life giving oxygen, they also add to the aesthetics of the earth. Looking at them has a calming effect on the nerves. In addition, they control the heat, supply us with numerous things like fruits, medicine and timber. They are home to a number of animals, and sitting under their cool shade is one of the most pleasant experiences in summers.

Grade 3, enlarged on these benefits of trees in their assemblies. Speeches, songs, role-plays and several other features made the assemblies a memorable experience.



SAYANTAN
3 SIGMA



RISHAV KUMAR
3 SIGMA



ARYA
3 DELTA



3 SIGMA



3 OMEGA



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"Learn character from trees, values from roots and change from leaves."



MANYA
3 OMICRON



3 SIGMA



3 DELTA



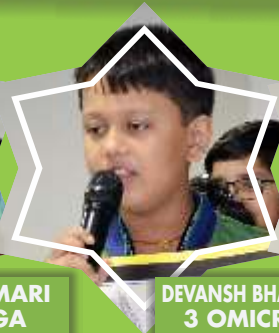
ANUMEHA
3 DELTA



REYANSH RAJ
3 IOTA



RUHI KUMARI
3 OMEGA



DEVANSH BHARJWAJ
3 OMICRON



ISHANI
3 SIGMA



3 DELTA



TUBHYAM & AARUSHI
3 SIGMA



3 IOTA

VIRAT KUMAR MALLICK
ANMOL JHA



3 OMICRON



"The best time to plant trees was twenty years ago. The second best time is now."

FORCE AND THE LAWS OF MOTION

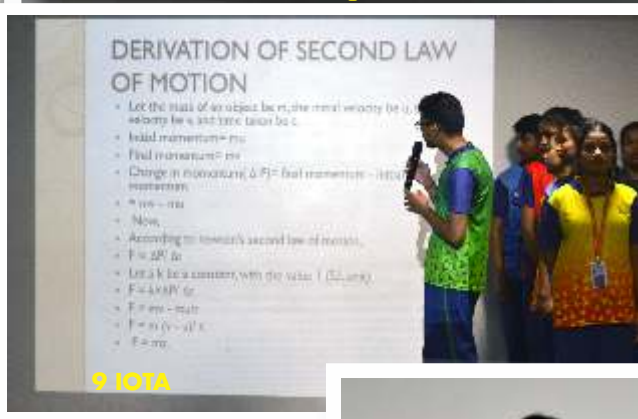


9 DELTA

Science dazzles with its astonishing discovery of facts and theories which govern the ways the universe works. It helps us understand how this creation fashions things out of nowhere into a marvel. The students of Grade 9 this week helped us understand how force and the laws of motion apply in our everyday life. Through their speeches and demonstrations, they illustrated wonderfully, the nitty-gritty of the practical aspects of science. A look at it through visual memories...



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9 OMICRON

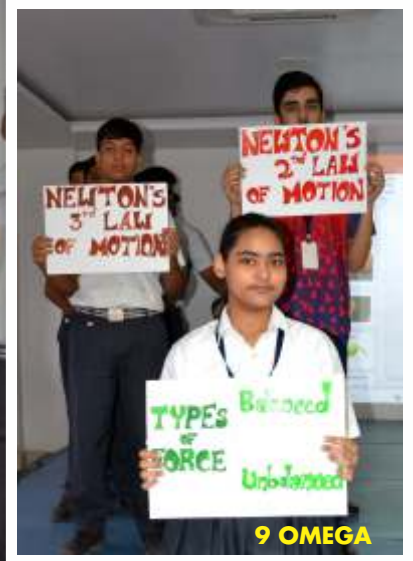


9 OMICRON



9 SIGMA





"Summer means happy times and good sunshine."



It was an enchanting show of words and action put up by the little kids of K2 Delta as they threw light on the journey of summer in India and its impact on the inhabitants of this land. Theirs was a grand show of words and actions.



"Summer is the same. We are the ones who are changing."



NIVAAN VERMA



AARAV SINGH



YASH SINGH



RIYANSHI RANJAN



PRIYAM KUMAR
DHRUV RAJ



ABHIRAM ANAND



DEVANSH DEEP RAJ



RUTWIK CHOURASIA

"It's easy to forget now how effervescent and free we all felt that summer."



Little kids love rain, for they know in the form of rain drops, the nature showers its blessings on them. With rain come several bounties like good crops, respite from the heat, the earth is clothed with lush green apparel, opportunities to sail paper-boats in pools made out of rain water. During rains we also need to take a few precautions to stay safe from diseases, insects etc. The little geniuses of K2 Iota portrayed all this beautifully in the assemblies they presented. A glimpse...



REYANSH SINGH

"Rain promotes growth. Flowers grow from it as does your soul."



TASHVI SINGH



ATHARV SINGH CHAUHAN



ATHARV KUMAR

AYUSH RAJ



DIVYANSH KUMAR



ADVIK SAHAY



ISHAN PRAKASH



DAKSH



KUMARI PRAGYA



AARAVI SHARMA



RAIN, RAIN! PLAY WITH ME!

Children love to play in the rain that is the poem of the earth. It cools down even the most stressed minds, creates music while falling on shingles, rooftops, or bare earth. It connects everyone to nature. Children consider it their natural play-mate. Therefore, they love to bath and have fun in the rain. The K2 kids of OMK on a particular day decided to get soaked in the rain. It was soothing to see them embrace the tiny raindrops - the blessings from heaven. They played with toys, balls, ran after one another and splashed water in the small pools created around.



"I need the seasons to live to the rhythm of rain and sun."



COMMEMORATING INDEPENDENCE

It was a morning charged with pride, valour and sense of freedom. The tricolour being unfurled, Omkites decided to give the day a special touch with their presentation on the same theme - India's Independence. Patriotic speeches and illustrations added several other hues to it. They elaborated on all aspects of freedom and its importance.



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"Freedom is precious. Let's cherish and protect it."



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"A nation's culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of its people."



INVESTITURE CEREMONY

A few of the people may be born leaders, but these leadership skills can be cultivated through worthy guidance and meticulous training. Student councils in schools are such institutions where an ordinary child is carved into an able leader. Nominating themselves for elections, convincing students to vote for them, contesting the elections, and if emerged victorious taking care of the responsibilities coming their way turns them into confident, courageous, and capable personalities.

The month of August witnessed the same process initiated and completed with elan in OMK. The students participated in the democratic drive to elect their leaders who in a grand ceremony were awarded badges, fresh identity cards indicating the posts they held and were administered oath of office. The magnificent parade, the cultural programmes made the entire show a memorable affair.



"True leaders are those who help others rise to new heights."



"The investiture signifies the beginning of a new journey to turn obstacles into opportunities."



"The investiture is a call to showcase the leadership skills."

GOOD TOUCH BAD TOUCH



To protect children against the malicious intentions and evil designs existing around, it is essential to make the kids aware of the difference between good touch and bad touch. Keeping this requirement in view, the school SENCO, Ms Shikha Asthana, conducted an informal workshop for small children of OMK. The little wonders were acquainted with the intentions with which somebody might come in contact with them. They were also trained on how to differentiate between a good and bad touch and what measures they could take if touched with inappropriate intention. Such programmes form a regular feature of OMK sensitization programmes and go a long way ensuring child safety in the society.





GROW ON TREE, AND TOUCH THE SKY!

Plantation drives have become a must with trees being cut and forests being cleared around the world. The government, certain agencies, organisations and the concerned individuals are on their toes creating awareness about the need to plant as many trees as we can to protect the planet from an uncalled for disaster.

With an intention to educate school students about the importance of plantation and preserving trees, Bank of Maharashtra, a government of India undertaking, proposed to conduct the drive in our school. Two officials of the Bank of Maharashtra, Mr. Prakash Kumar (Senior Manager) and Mr. Amarjeet Kumar (Senior Manager) graced the campus with a few saplings which they donated to school and got them planted by the students. The Director, Mr. Reinhold Michalak, School Manager, Ms. Neeta Singh and Ms. Meera Singh were also present to encourage the students for the drive on this significant occasion.



NEVER SAY GOODBYE!

Good teachers are the most precious possessions of humanity, for upon them depends the future of mankind. They are guiding beacons to all would be citizens of a nation. Therefore, they never retire, and once somebody becomes a teacher, always remains a teacher. Still, there are stages everybody has to undergo; roles and responsibilities do change, and therefore for a teacher the workspace changes from an institution to the family.

Respecting the same tradition, a worthy mentor to the school children in Social Sciences, B K Mishra Sir, started a new innings of his life completing the one here at school. A man of letters and an embodiment of dignified calmness, he has stirred hunger for knowledge in many here. In the presence of all the dignitaries and the teaching fraternity of the school, he was given a grand farewell in a specially organized function which witnessed him being showered with gifts and honours. It was a befitting farewell for a veteran teacher.



"Farewell! God knows when we shall meet again."

MEN BEHIND THE WHEELS



From early morning when remnants of the night are still there in the sky to the time each and every child is safely dropped at their home stoppage, drivers play a crucial role in running the entire juggernaut called school. Rain or shine, they attend to their duties without a single word of complaint.

To pay homage to their great service, the school decided to celebrate the drivers' day with fervour. The drivers assembled to cut the cake and were appreciated by the management for contributing so significantly to smooth functioning of the school.



WRITING WITH A CAUSE

Central Board of Secondary Education recently organised a writing contest for grades 3 to 12. It was named 'Expression Series' for the academic session 2023-24. It had a grand theme – 'G-20: India's Vision for a Harmonious World'. Various topics related to the above mentioned theme were marked to invite ideas in the form of write-ups.

For classes 3 to 5, the students had to write a paragraph, while the ones from 6 to 12 sat down to compose an essay. Naturally from junior to senior grades the length and the gravity of the topics increased to challenge the students' creativity and the ability to think on the spur of the moment.

A number of students participated in the contest with enthusiasm giving the whole writing session a festival like touch. Have a look at the images below to get a glimpse.



YUVRAJ



ISHA SINHA



SADIQ NAWAB



ADITI SINHA



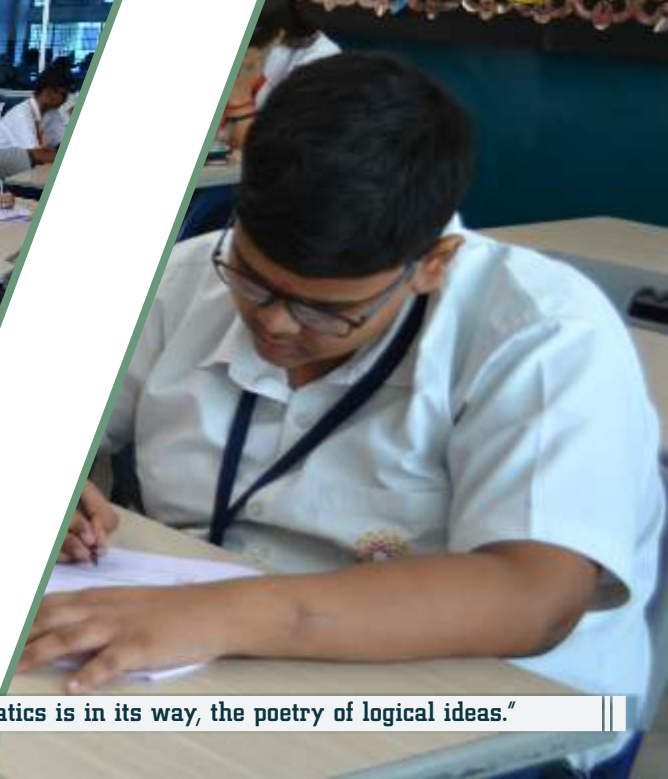
SUKRIT MANI



"As a writer, you should not judge, you should understand."

ARYABHATTA GANIT CHALLENGE

Maths has been a challenge as well as a source of motivation for many. The intricate calculations it contains help students hone their reasoning and thinking faculties to an appreciable extent. Seeing the huge importance of mathematics in everything, especially in science, Central Board of Secondary Education recently organised a competition titled 'Aryabhata Ganit Challenge' in August, 2023 for grades 8 to 10. The purpose was to attract the best mathematical brains and churn them out from the rest. In OMK, a number of students showed enthusiasm for this contest and vigorously participated in the same.



"Pure mathematics is in its way, the poetry of logical ideas."

ART INVITES

**ANANYA SINGH
3 IOTA**



In a series of activities under Art and Literature conducted in all its schools, CBSE conducted a Painting competition among students of each wing. The theme was 'G-20: India's Vision for a Harmonious World'. The students showed keen interest in this activity and many of them performed superlatively well. The young minds unravelling their creativity layer by layer on paper was a great sight to watch.

**RISHAV RAJ
6 OMEGA**



**TANMAY RAJ
10 OMICRON**



**MANSI KUMARI
8 IOTA**



**AARUSHI RAJ
7 DELTA**



**ANAND
9 IOTA**



**ARYAN RAJ
5 ZETA**