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# From the Principal's Desk

## Dear Reader

As the sun casts its golden rays upon the canvas of April, we stand amidst the dawn of a new chapter, brimming with promises and aspirations, ready to inscribe the next verse in our academic saga.

In the hallowed halls of reflection, we trace the contours of our past, drawing inspiration from the tapestry of experiences that have shaped our journey. Each moment, a brushstroke of wisdom, each lesson, a guiding star illuminating our path forward. With an unwavering commitment to growth and evolution, we embark upon this new session, guided by our Annual Theme, '**Cultivating Communicative Proficiency**', a testament to our dedication to inculcate communicative brilliance among our students.

In the fleeting interval preceding the Mid-Term, our canvas becomes a mosaic of vibrant hues where each stroke stands a testament to the meticulous planning and fervent dedication infusing our endeavours. The stage is set for a symphony of talent and skill to unfold, the air is alive with the melodious buzz of the **Spelling Bee**, where words dance like notes in a musical composition, and where the enchanting narratives of the **Storytelling Competition** cast a spell on the mind. Our students shine as beacons of creativity and ingenuity, their voices resonating with the passion and fervour that define our educational ethos.

But amidst the thrill of competition, we pause to embrace the essence of nurturing and compassion. Our initiatives for **Developing Learners** stand as a testament to our commitment to each and every student, offering a sanctuary of support and guidance in their journey towards self-discovery and growth. With hearts open and arms outstretched, we extend a helping hand to those in need, ensuring that no dream goes uncherished and no obstacle remains insurmountable.

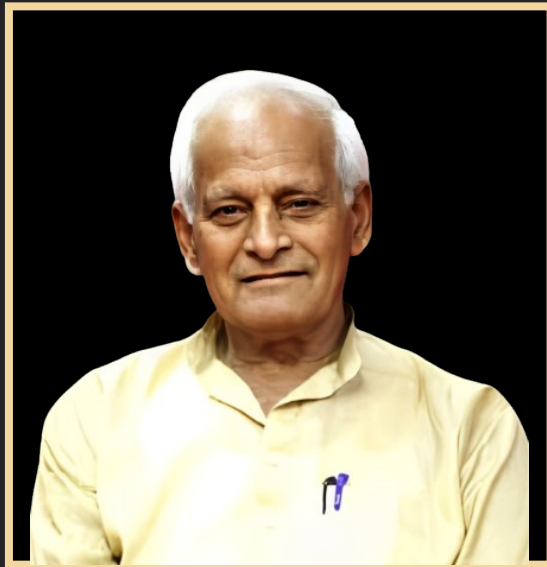
Amidst all this bustle of activities we are surrounded with, we pause for a few moments to pay **heartfelt tributes** to our beloved father figure, our guardian angel, **Shri Ram Layak Singh**, who left for his heavenly abode on 10 April, 2024. His noble character, his personal integrity will keep illuminating our path in the times to come.

As stewards of knowledge and guardians of dreams, our resolve is fortified by the boundless spirit and potential of our students. With each interaction, each moment of guidance, we sow the seeds of resilience and empowerment, nurturing a generation of leaders and innovators poised to leave an indelible mark upon the world.

With the promise of a new day on the horizon, let's step forward into the embrace of possibility, united in our quest to inspire, empower, and uplift.

Yours truly,  
**A Awasthi**

*In Fond Remembrance of*



**Ram Layak Singh**

06<sup>th</sup> December 1939 - 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024

The soul is neither born, nor it ever dies; nor does it become only after being born.  
For, it is unborn, eternal, everlasting and premeval; even though the body is slain, the soul in not.

— BHAGWATGITA : 2/20 —

“It’s not been long since you left for your heavenly abode, and your sweet memories, your motivation stick to our hearts like the North Star, showing us the direction in the limitless sea of illusions! Rest in peace our Guardian Angle!”



## The First Day - A New Beginning

Beginnings are always interesting. They harbour hope and assurance. How much the set goals are realized depends upon how beautifully they are planned and executed.

The same applied to the beginning of the Session 2024-25. For the juniors, it was 1<sup>st</sup> of April, while the middle and the high school students set their foot in their new classes the next day. Their excitement knew no bounds as the new books, and new class meant a new start where several new teachers interacted with them. The formalities were completed, rules and regulations were explained, and they were familiarised with the theme for the new session that is 'Cultivating Communicative Proficiency'. The joy of establishing new friendships and at times meeting with their previous year pals in the class was palpable on their faces. Let's have a look at the visuals...





# Teachers' Assembly

Students learn little from books and more by emulating what their teachers do. If right examples are set in front of them, they happily follow.

Therefore, the first assembly was scheduled to be performed by the teachers themselves. Topics were carefully picked which contributed to the theme 'Cultivating Communicative Proficiency'.

Doubtless to say, the teachers put up an impeccable show with their knowledge, craft and public speaking skills. It was pleasant to see the children standing in front and imbibing new lessons in oratorical mastery and art of presentation. Undoubtedly teaching by example will go a long way in enriching the psyche of the students.



“The challenge of the heart is one of motivation, of urgent need to act, and of hope for success, and the courage to risk it.”

# Spell Bee-A Wizard's Act

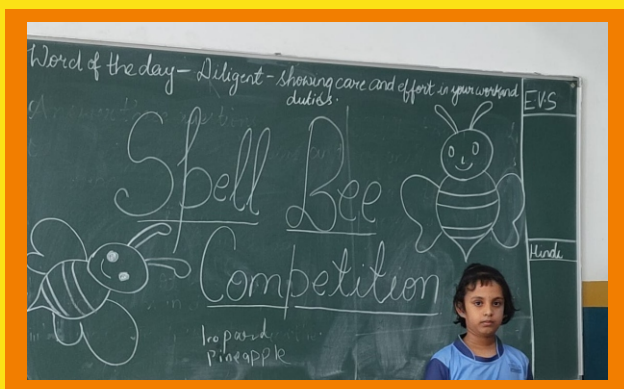
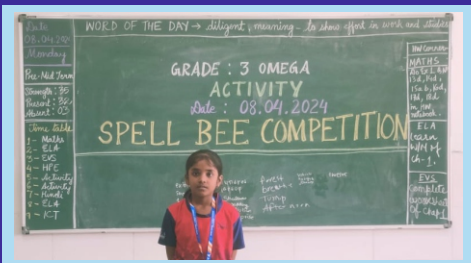


## For Primary Wing

Spellings hold a great importance in a child's life. The ability to learn words and how they spell is both fun and a challenge. It becomes an enjoyable activity if children are encouraged with a sense of healthy competition. The teachers have to guide the little ones as memorizing something sustainably and effectively demands following a scientific pattern – like associations, imaging, constant revisions etc.

The spell-bee contests organized at schools positively motivate a student to take up the challenge and learn the spelling of a given number of words in an effective way.

In OMK, it was conducted for grades 1 to 4. It contained two interesting rounds. Those who were screened in the first round were tested for the second round too on the stage of Maa Sharda auditorium in front of a host of students and teachers. The participants left the audience spell-bound with their extraordinary memories and recollection skills. Just a few images to relive those moments...





We are the wordsmiths of OMK!



"Well-told stories help turn moments of great crises into moments of new beginnings."

## It's Fun Time! It's Story Time!

Stories are not the way only to entertain the young minds, but are also means to educate them. The lessons imparted through stories remain etched in the mind for long as they come alive in front of us through interesting characters.

Listening to stories hones our communication skill as we learn to use all our faculties to create images painted by vivid shades of imagination. It augments our perceptive abilities and gives edge to our expressive accuracy.

The story-telling contest for students of grades 5 to 8 served all these purposes immaculately as the students took the stage one after another weaving tales of various hues and mesmerizing the audience.

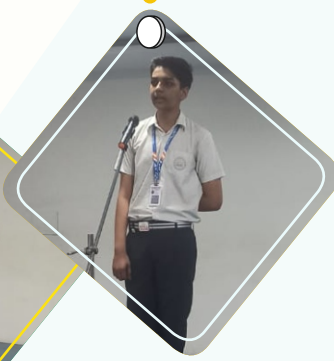
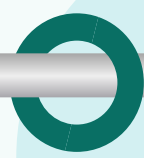
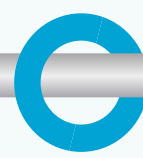
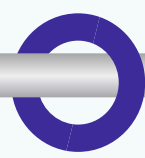
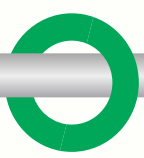
At the end of the two successive rounds, the winners got medals as well as certificates awarded to them by the authorities. Let's glance at the images portraying the prime moments of the event...







Oh, Excellence! You are your own reward!



“Narrative is not talking “about” values; rather a narrative embodies and communicates values.”



I have tales to tell!



# The Principal and His Pupils



"There may be people that have more talent than you, but there's no excuse for anyone to work harder than you do."





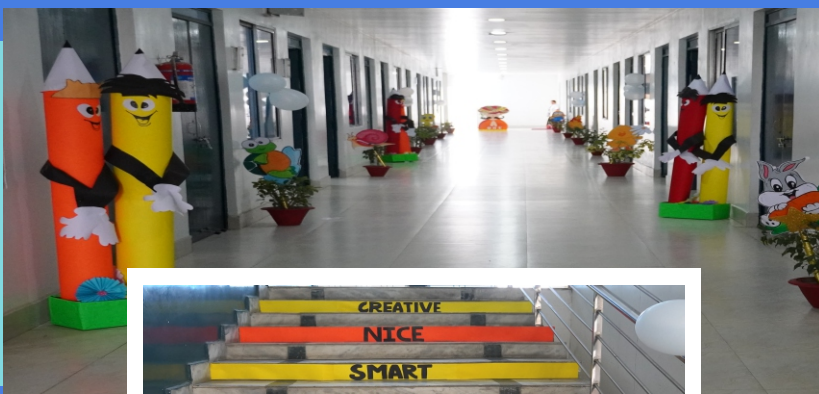
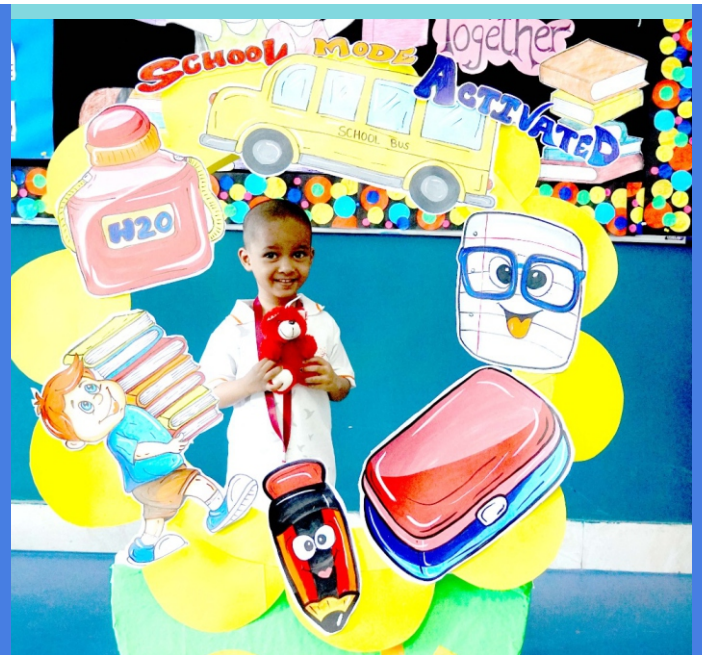
# K1 and K2 Orientation

## Partnering with Parents

Walking into school campus for very first time in one's life as a student is a unique experience – the mixture of sweet and bitter feelings crops up on the surface. After all, it is not so easy to jump out of mama's lap and adapt to a completely new environment, learn to follow instructions, watch out one's actions and practise how to read and write. It's like having too much on a plate at a time, and the acclimatization is slow.

And what to talk of the little souls, it's an equally daunting process for the parents too. They do need guidance to join the school system in order to emerge as true partners in their ward's progress.

Keeping all this in view, the school organized an orientation session for K group. Parents carved out time from their busy schedule and joined in a big number. It was joyful to witness the interaction of hope and expectation between the teachers and the parents. They got a wonderful chance to understand the school and the system it runs on. A few glimpses...



# A New Story Begins!



# Becalming the Minds!



"Stepping into the school gates, parents find a sanctuary where dreams take root, and futures begin to bloom."

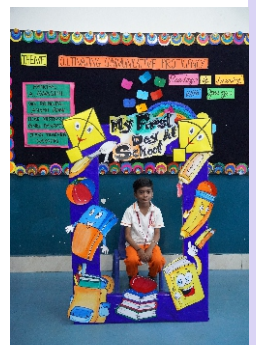
# It's Joy to be at OMK!



"Each picture tells a story of innocence, laughter, and the timeless joy of learning."



# Activities all the Way!





# Assemblies with a Difference

As the theme of this session zeroes in on cultivating communicative brilliance, every activity planned revolves around the same. All that can add up to serve this purpose gets the stress.

Assemblies are a great means of emboldening students in the art of public speaking. They mitigate the fear of stage in students and bestow them with confidence to face the world.

They also build a bridge between the teacher and the taught. Students learn a lot from their mentors and being appreciated for their presentation by them boosts their morale.

The assemblies by classes 10, 12 and 9 were perfect testimony to these. They provided the students an opportunity to think, to brainstorm, to research and reach at their own conclusions. Variedly themed, these events compelled the students to think and develop clarity of thought. They, somewhere, also helped them develop team spirit and cooperative attitude. The programmes were terse yet entertaining and informative.



“It’s easy to stand with the crowd, but it takes courage to stand alone.”

# We Stand out, We Overwhelm!



# The Oath of Extraordinariness



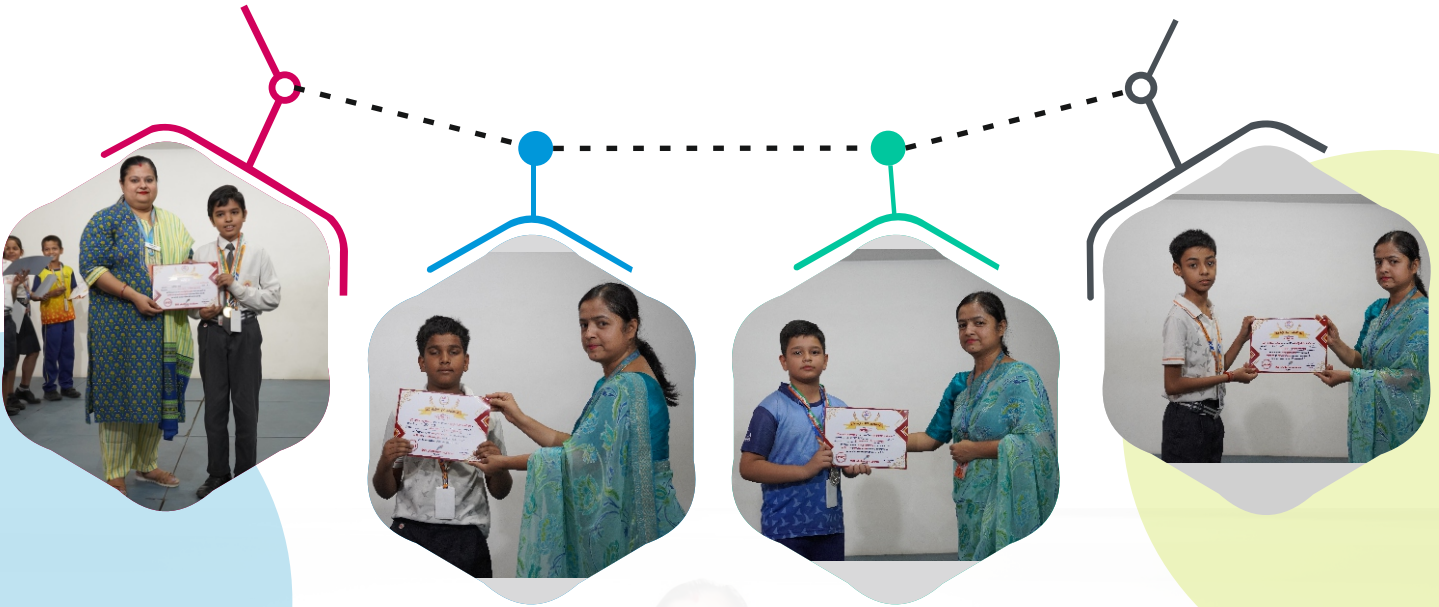
“Public speaking: Where every word becomes a note in the melody of influence.”

# Hindi Olympiad Results

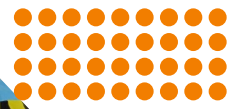


We persevere, we win!

The Hindi Olympiad conducted last year came back to our memories and the names of the winners were announced recently. The winners were awarded medals and certificates for the positions they had secured. It was a good move as the participants felt encouraged on acquiring good level of proficiency in Hindi, their mother tongue. Here are the glimpses...



We win not only contests,  
but also hearts!



“I was ever a fighter, so one fight more – the best and the last.”

We counsel the little minds to maturity and understanding.

## Counselling Session





## Sports Competition







**Winning a habit for us!**

We learn by doing.



Students in Activities



"Immortality is to live your life doing good things, and leaving your mark behind."

"We Make Your Child's Future Bright."



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