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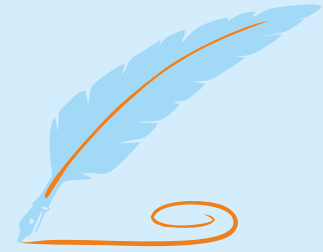
June 2024

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Principal's Desk



Dear Readers,

In the quietude that envelops our hallowed halls, there lies a profound truth. Spoken in jest, yet resonating with the depths of the cosmos, solitude is indeed the cradle of our being.

As June unfurls its golden tapestry, our corridors whisper tales of solitude, classrooms echo with the silence of introspection, and buses bask under the sun's gaze, reminiscent of Gokul in the still anticipation of Krishna's (our students) footsteps. The arrival of a child within these walls heralds a reign of unbridled sovereignty, where the only decree is the whimsy of youthful exuberance. Yet, from this seeming disarray, the noble structure of discipline and decorum emerges, sculpting the intangible edifice of learning.

Amidst the languid embrace of summer, my thoughts meander, weaving plans for the forthcoming terms alongside a few of my devoted colleagues. Our educators, ensconced in their abodes, craft lessons with the singular aim of metamorphosing our classrooms into sanctuaries of enlightenment. Meanwhile, the diligent hands of our printing department fashion worksheets, the transport team breathes new life into our fleet, and the electricians weave safety into our very conduits. The stage, born anew from the aspirations of our Operations team, stands in quiet anticipation, ready to echo with the voices of our youth, all in service to our Annual Theme: Cultivating Communicative Proficiency.

This year's academic canvas is enriched by the vibrant hues of our Annual Theme, which has inspired the creation of myriad clubs, each a gardener tending to the flourishing of our students' personas. At Open Minds, we hold our scholarly pursuits in high esteem, making thoughtful adjustments to our routines to ensure each developing learner receives the nurturing they require.

In addition to our regular curriculum, the Committee of Continuous Improvement (CCI) will extend its nurturing hand through after-school classes. With foresight and determination, we embark on our preparations for the Board Examinations from the Mid Term, setting our sights on ever loftier achievements. This month, we also celebrate the nurturing spirit of Father's Day and the verdant promise of Environment Day, each event weaving its own unique strand into the rich tapestry of our school's life.

As we move forward, we find ourselves at the cusp of an event as momentous as the nation's own democratic exercise. As India celebrates the General Elections 2024, a testament to the collective will of its people, our school mirrors this grandeur with our own annual elections. Just as the nation's electorate gathers in unity to chart the course of governance, our students too will assemble with the weighty responsibility of shaping the student body's future. The parallels are striking and symbolic; the ballots cast within our school's walls are as significant to us as the votes that decide the country's fate. Our young candidates, brimming with ideas and visions for progress, reflect the very spirit of democracy that pulsates through the heart of India. The electoral process in our school is not merely an academic exercise but a celebration of democratic values, leadership, and the power of a single vote. It is a microcosm of the national stage, where every student's voice echoes the aspirations of the nation's citizenry.

Let us embrace the celebration of Yoga Day and the fervour of our annual elections, each adding its own vibrant thread to the intricate weave of June's festivities.

Sincerely,

A. Awasthi



World Environment Day

5th June

Beginning in 1974 to create awareness about environmental issues, marine pollution, population explosion, sustainable development and global warming, World Environment Day is celebrated every year on June 5 by the governments, nongovernmental agencies and many other organisations. The purpose is to draw the world's attention towards the dangers our irresponsible activities pose for the environment and find out effective solutions to deal with them.

To be in truck with the world in sharing the same concerns and with a view to make positive contributions to this cause OMK too chips in every year with its little geniuses creating awareness among one and all on the above said day with its especially charted out programmes. A few visuals...



"The Earth does not belong to us: we belong to the Earth." – Marlee Matlin









Behind every child who grows to become a successful person and a good human there is a father. You will always find a father sacrificing his comforts, conveniences and the ways for the welfare of his child. And the child can't, naturally, help looking up to him for everything he needs to do or face. Those mighty arms carved out to protect the child also pat his back when the child crosses a milestone in his life. He prepares a launch pad with all he has so that the child may launch himself or herself into the infinite skies of possibilities and success.

To celebrate such a companionship, the students of OMK assembled in Maa Sharda Auditorium with moving poems, speeches and presentations to say thank you to them from the depth of their hearts. Have a glimpse...



"It is a wise father that knows his own child." —William Shakespeare



FATHER'S DAY



"A father doesn't tell you that he loves you. He shows you." —Dimitri the Stoneheart



Yoga stands for communion of a person's inside and outside. It opens doors of miraculous possibilities we as humans can explore. It is equally important in Yoga to control our mental, physical and spiritual energy through certain stances and poses observed. To recognize its sheer potential, the world, on June 21, celebrates International Yoga Day patronized by the UN.

At OMK, we observe this day with fervor and joy. This year too, the students and the teachers assembled in the auditorium for a brief yet significant yoga session under the expert guidance of the capable faculties. It was soothing to see all present on the occasion trying to imbibe yoga stances and asanas into their life during the morning session. Let's have a look at the images representing the day...



"May your yoga practice bring a sense of calmness and tranquilly within." - Anonymous



International Yoga Day...



"If you want to conquer the anxiety of life, live in the moment, live in the breath." - Amit Ray









Wheels on Rest and Repair

The schools don't run only in the classrooms, they also run on the wheels, don't they? Just think of the yellow cars on the six wheels doing the rounds and ferrying the students from and to schools across the city. And during those commutes students are taught invaluable lessons of cooperation, acceptance and tolerance. They share seats, feelings and healthy vibes with one another. They learn to take care of themselves and their schoolmates while on the buses.

Thus buses form a significant part of the entire school system, making it go smoothly. Those buses too need rest and repair. Recognizing these needs of our wheeled partners, OMK organizes a restore and repair drive during the summer holidays, It may range from a bit of tinkering to a complete overhaul, but the entire process is quite comprehensive as well as intricate. Just a glance at this operation concluded recently...





Back Oh Back! We Are Back to School

Long summer breaks come as a relief to all restless under the sweltering summer heat. The students as well as the teachers find time for rest and recreation. Tourist destinations get abuzz with people and that also enriches the lives of the students as they undergo numerous experiences that foster growth and understanding. But schools are schools, they are the second home to children, how can they afford to stay away from this home. So after a few weeks, the vacations do get over and the quiet schools again get filled with happy hustle and bustle of students and teachers. Classes find their beloved children back, friends chatter, share the countless new things they have tried during the break. It is, indeed, a happy sight, a heavenly sight. At OMK too, 25th of June presented the similar show as the campus was swarmed with the students with faces beaming a renewed zeal.



"School bells are ringing loud and clear; vacations over, school is here."



Individuality must be nurtured, strengthened and solidified in a person for it gives him or her the power to be different and efficacious, but learning to work as a team is equally important to realise the true potential of an individual. Here come the schools cultivating team-spirit among students, helping them learn how to correlate with other's desires, aspirations and give vent to theirs too in a positive way.

At OMK, we lay special emphasis to teamwork and keep working to inculcate the accommodative spirit among children through different activities and programmes. Our students too leave no stone unturned when it comes to assimilating these traits into their personality.

The assembly conducted in the last week of June by the students is a testimony to this fact. Have a look at these visuals showcasing the wonderful effort they put in to explain how 'teamwork marks the dreamwork'...

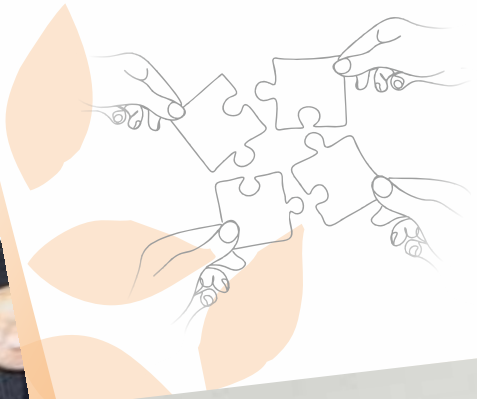


Grade-11: Omega



"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships." – Michael Jordan







TEAMWORK
MARKS THE
DREAM-WORK



Grade-6: Omega



"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself." – Henry Ford





Grade-6: Omicron






Grade-6: Sigma





QUIZZING TIME, LEARNING TIME



Asking questions is the most efficient way to learn and motivate people to know more. The one who asks gets illumined and the one who replies feels the urge to explore more. Thus quizzes come into the scene. They not only strengthen our academic grasp but also help us learn about what is happening around us.

Therefore, to initiate the tiny scholars into the same process, OMK organized a quiz series for grades 1 to 4. It was interesting to see how enthusiastically the children participated and faced the volley of questions with poise and confidence. Have a look at these images...



"The best quiz show formats are the simplest." Bradley Walsh





Debate Club

Debates sway us off our foot, they teach us how to reason and probe for what is true. They are the tools to hone our public speaking skills and acquire greater understanding of the seeking process on in every heart. Analyzing both the sides of a topic one learns to cultivate a balanced approach towards everything.

The recently concluded debates for Grade- 6 fantastically established the above said. The topics varied from impact of technology on humans to importance of reading. The students went an extra mile to ascertain the truth behind their arguments through research and analysis before they put it across the judges and the audience. A look...

DEBATING FOR THE SAKE OF TRUTH



"Freedom is hammered out on the anvil of discussion, dissent, and debate." - Hubert H. Humphrey



Frog Making Activity





Brain Gym Activity

