



NEWSLETTER

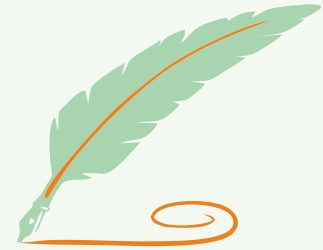
July 2024

Activities of the MONTH

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Principal's Desk



Dear Readers,

As July graces our school with its presence, the atmosphere becomes an orchestra of vibrant academic pursuits. The monsoon rains descend like blessings from the heavens, imbuing the earth with a sweet, rejuvenating fragrance after the relentless heat, offering a serene balm to our spirits.

The opportunity of the PTM to engage with parents, discussing the intellectual and emotional blossoming of our students, is truly cherished. Your approval, support, and insightful advice propel us towards excellence, enabling us to contribute to society with grace and distinction. We are heartened by the unwavering commitment of our teachers, who, with meticulous care, shape the precious diamonds in our charge, ensuring each student becomes a priceless jewel in the tapestry of life.

Amidst these enriching interactions, one moment stood out—a parent's request to withdraw (after witnessing the significant growth) their child from the extra classes designed for Developing Learners. This gesture is a profound affirmation of our teachers' dedication, as they extend their efforts beyond school hours, embodying our belief that every child is innately capable of learning. It is our approaches and methodologies that must evolve, guided by innovation and experimentation.

We find ourselves in an era of profound transformation, as the waves of technology wash over established values with a force both nourishing and erosive. Technology, now a fundamental necessity akin to food, shelter, and clothing, has also encroached upon the sanctity of childhood, offering unfettered access to uncensored content. In this landscape, the role of parenting becomes ever more complex, demanding a delicate balance between the necessary embrace of technology and the vigilance to protect our children from its potential harms.

The seeds we planted during the Pre Mid Term have begun to sprout through classroom activities and clubs. These tender saplings, nurtured with care, are blossoming into creative expressions. One such initiative, OMK Connects, channels the boundless energy of our students, irrigating their creativity. Under our Annual Theme—Cultivating Communicative Proficiency—we are steadfast in our mission to cultivate confident, articulate, and responsible citizens.

The year 2024 heralds a grand celebration of democracy, with over 60 nations, including India, the USA, and the UK, participating in this festival. Our school, too, has partaken in this celebration with fervor. Though our voter base may be small, the enthusiasm of our voters and candidates rivals that of any national election. Employing technology for transparent voting, we proudly announced the results in a live event, reflecting our commitment to fairness and integrity.

The newly elected school council for the session 2024-25 has taken their oath of office in the presence of their proud parents. The radiant joy in their eyes and the pride in their hearts are a testament to our shared journey and a source of profound satisfaction. The new council, having just assumed their roles, is already at work planning a grand Independence Day celebration. I eagerly anticipate sharing the fruits of their efforts in our next communication.

Yours sincerely,

School Council Election

India being a democratic country, the roots of democracy pervade every nook and corner of its institutions. We believe that every opinion counts and every unit has a positive role to play in the system. Therefore, Student Council Elections form an essential part of the school here.

This year too, the process which started in early July with the nomination of candidates with group discussions followed by campaigning, electronic voting, culminated into result declaration on 16 July and investiture ceremony conducted on 27 July, 2024. The entire process was seamlessly conducted, and the digitalized voting system ensured it remained free and fair.

The josh was really high as the nominees enthusiastically campaigned in support of their candidature. It was a good test of their communicative ability and composure they required to maintain while answering the students' questions. The voting day turned into an elective festival. Every class was eager to contribute significantly with their votes, and finally the results were out rewarding the deserving candidates. Their proud faces told all as in the Investiture Ceremony, they beamed with joy and confidence on being awarded the badges. A glimpse...





“A man without a vote is a man without protection.” – Lyndon B. Johnson



DEBATE



"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."



"Leadership is not about the next election, it's about the next generation." – Simon Sinek



"Democracy is not, just an election, it is our daily life." - Tsai Ing-wen



"The ballot is stronger than the bullet." - Abraham Lincoln



"Voting is not only our right - it is our power." - Loung Ung



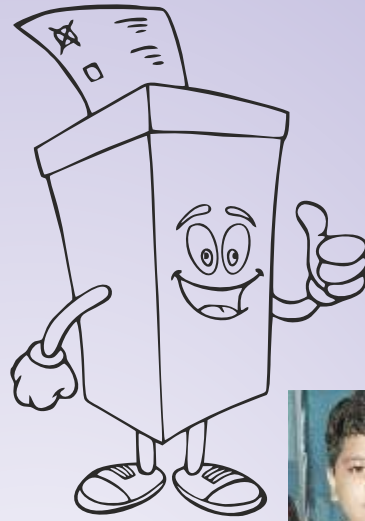
"If you don't vote, you lose the right to complain." - George Carlin



VOTING



“Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time.” – Ruth Ginsburg



"Voting is the only way to ensure that your concerns matter."



School Council : 2024-25

SCHOOL AMBASSADOR



SOUMYA THAKUR

VOTE 54.2%

VICE SCHOOL AMBASSADOR



RISHIKA RAJ CHAUHAN

VOTE 62%

SCHOOL CAPTAIN



TANMAY RAJ

VOTE 77.1%


VICE SCHOOL CAPTAIN



MANSHI PRASUN

VOTE 52%

SCHOOL SPORTS CAPTAIN



TARUN KR. AGRAWAL

VOTE 64.4%


VICE SCHOOL SPORTS CAPTAIN



RUDRA NARAYANAN

VOTE 65.4%

DISCIPLINE CAPTAIN



MAYANK KUMAR

VOTE 65.2%

VICE DISCIPLINE CAPTAIN



ISHAN ABHISHEK JHA

VOTE 63.3%

HOUSE CAPTAIN (LEGACY)



REET AGRAWAL

VOTE 60.3%

VICE HOUSE CAPTAIN (LEGACY)



AKSHAJ

VOTE 58.9%

HOUSE CAPTAIN (AMBITION)



VANSH KUMAR

VOTE 63.1%

VICE HOUSE CAPTAIN (AMBITION)



ADHYAYAN RAJ

VOTE 60.3%

HOUSE CAPTAIN (DISCOVERY)



AARAV RAJ

VOTE 66.1%

VICE HOUSE CAPTAIN (DISCOVERY)



MAYANK KUMAR

VOTE 66.7%

HOUSE CAPTAIN (SPIRIT)



ANIKA SINGH

VOTE 58.5%

VICE HOUSE CAPTAIN (SPIRIT)



SIDDHI SINGH

VOTE 51.3%

"A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a moulder of consensus." - Martin Luther King Junior

INVESTITURE CEREMONY 2024-25



"Leadership is the art of giving people a platform for spreading ideas that work." – Seth Godin



INVESTITURE CEREMONY



"The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails." - John Maxwell



As we look ahead into the 21st century, leaders will be those who empower others. – Bill Gates



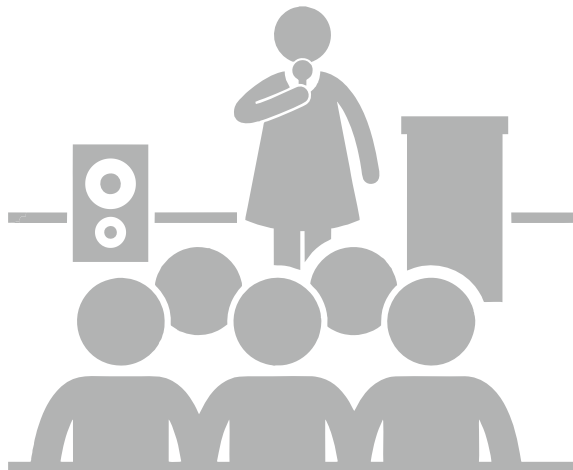
Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other. – John F. Kennedy



**Announcement about
the group discussion.**



"Success is not final, failure is not fatal; It is the courage to continue that counts." – Churchill



ASSEMBLY



It's Assembly Time

Assemblies are meeting times. They provide an unparalleled opportunity to the students to practice public speaking skills, at the same time, they also make it possible for them to interact with their seniors, their juniors and the mentors. Thus assemblies prove to be a platform for the students to be informed of various useful things, to perform on the stage, and to be appreciated as well. The whole schedule of programs is so designed that it touches various aspects of the students' personality, thus contributing to their all-round development.

This July remained a witness to several assemblies conducted on various themes like - Faith and Hope, School Elections, Gratitude Is the Right Attitude, Empathy and Kindness, Innovation and Creativity etc. Students from grades 3, 4, 5 and 12 took to the stage to showcase their presentational ability. Let's have a look...

Grade-5:Delta





Grade-5:Iota



Grade-5:Omega





Grade-5: Omicron



Grade-5: Sigma





**PRIMARY
WING**



Debate and Mass Media Presentations

Mass Media Presentations...

The mass media, in the world today has come on our finger-tips. We press a button, and there we are interacting with a huge number of people through different outlets. Therefore, to acquire proficiency in how to use it to our benefit is essential. Keeping this in mind, we, recently, organized a drive where the middle school students showcased their presentation skills. It was a role play contest simulating a media studio discussion based on the theme, 'The Dynamics of Coalition Government and Economic Reforms in India'.

The students were playing famous personalities which had assembled to discuss the impact of a coalition government on economic reforms. The students discussed the topic maturely and intelligently. It was a thing to really watch. Cast an eye on a few trails of the programme.



Let's Debate...

It's our right to reason about things before reaching at a particular conclusion. Therefore, debating comes naturally to man. It is the best way to see things in totality and in their true light, for, in a debate, we don't only see the pros but also have an eye on the cons. It, thus, becomes less a contest and more an analysis. So, there are two sides in a debate, representing the opposites. And their goals seem to be getting the better of each other, however, in reality, it is hardly so. They try, rather, to reach the deepest level of the truth where they can realize it in the clear-most way.

To live by these principles, we, at OMK, introduce debating at the primary level itself. This midterm, grades from five to eight challenged each other's logic and tried to convince the jury of their approach. The topics were interesting as well as entertaining, like 'Smartphones are making us stupid', 'Reading books is better than watching TV', 'Children getting better grades at school will be more success in life' etc. It was nice to see the students participating with zeal and tenacity. A few glimpses of the events...



Active Classrooms That We Have...

Only academics makes Jack a dull boy, the classroom a boring classroom. Therefore, to mix some fun and excitement with learning, we, at Open Minds, introduce interesting activities. They, generally range from games and riddles to debates, speech contests and quizzes. It provides the students with a chance to learn as well as add different shades to their personalities. They are introduced in primary classes as it's the time a human kid learns the fastest and the most.



This July the primary section of the school saw a lot of engaging classroom activities from debates to quizzes. Seeing the tender age of the learners, simple and logical topics were thrown for debate, so that they can speak at some length. The quizzes were also aimed at a particular level suitable to their age. It was a joy to see them enthusiastically participating and performing. A few images reliving those moments...





"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you."



"We may all be different fish, but at the school we swim together."

PTM

July witnessed so many activities. The school opening after the Pre-Midterm exams conducted before the vacations, it was time for the results to be declared. And naturally, the PTM's followed. Saturdays turned into festive days as the campus got abuzz with guardians and kids coming to discuss the academic as well as overall development of the child.

It was a partnership in progress which had a wider purpose of preparing healthy and knowledgeable citizens for India in the days to come. The bond it created between the guardians and the mentors is essential to ensure a child reaches his or her true potential.





PTM



"Connecting home and school makes us a great community of learners."



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"Together may we give our children the roots to grow and the wings to fly."

KUMARI VEDIKA
Grade 6 : Iota



SHREYA KUMARI
Grade 7 : Iota



SHRESTH VINAYAK
Grade 8 : Sigma



God couldn't be everywhere, therefore, he made mothers. There is no exaggeration to what this quote conveys. The entire creation is indebted to the mothers, and especially to the earth who is the mother to all. What can be a better idea than planting trees and dedicating it to our mothers? It will be a tremendous and profound homage to both the mothers - the human ones and the earth - 'Our Dharti Maata'. That's what we did by giving this idea to our young geniuses, and see the creative outcome this idea yielded in the form of fantastic paintings!

एक पेड़ माँ के नाम



VEDAANT VERMA
Grade 5 : Omicron

AARAV KUMAR
Grade 5 : Zeta



TEACHERS of the MONTH

We are delighted to announce our "Teachers of the Month" for their outstanding contributions to student learning and development!



ARZOOMAND JAHAN KHANAM

Recognised for exceptional preparation of students in the classroom activity "Theatrical Reverie"



HONEY KUMARI

Celebrated for her commitment to prepare students during the "Arts Club"



TULSI KUMARI

Praised for her hard work in preparing students during the "Arts Club"



MEGHA GHOSH

Commended for her dedication to prepare the students for the "Theatrical Reverie"

Congratulations to all our awardees! Your dedication and hard work have made a significant impact on our students and school community.