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Dear Readers,

As August's golden hued days unfold, our hearts resonate with patriotism, and we pause to reflect upon our sacred duties as Indians. Like a gentle monsoon breeze, the spirit of nationalism must permeate every corner of our beloved land. For it is through education that we shall dismantle the societal ills – poverty, inequality, and environmental degradation – that cast shadows upon our collective destiny.

Within our school's hallowed halls, we nurture young minds, sowing seeds of wisdom and resilience. Our students, like eager saplings, have diligently prepared for their Mid-Term Examinations. These assessments, akin to festive rituals, invigorate both learners and mentors. As students sharpen their intellects, our dedicated teachers leave no query unanswered, fostering an environment of holistic learning.

On this auspicious Independence Day, our newly elected school council unfurls its banner of dedication. As the Head Teacher, witnessing the parade fills me with pride – a beacon illuminating India's promising future. The voices of our school ambassador, the resolute school captain, and their peers echo a profound truth: education is not merely personal growth but also a catalyst for national rejuvenation.

This year's Independence Day celebration, inspired by our Annual Theme – Cultivating Communicative Proficiency – intertwined with vibrant threads. Painting competitions, spirited debates, graceful solo dances, and soulful renditions filled our campus with the fervour of patriotism. Our young performers graced the stage like constellations, leaving an indelible mark. The video capturing their tireless efforts is now streaming on our channel, OMK CONNECTS – a colloquy to their unwavering commitment.

In a delightful interlude, our little explorers from K1, K2, and Grade 1 embarked on a voyage to Eduletics International A British School. There, they reveled in the cool embrace of the swimming pool during the Splash Pool Activity. Soon, we shall extend this aquatic joy to students from other grades.

Warm regards,

A. Awasthi

Independence Day Celebration



A Salute to the Nation and the Spirit of Freedom

The chests swollen with unspeakable pride, the air resounding with the spirit of valour and sacrifice, the beloved to the entire nation – the Tiranga – touching the sky, and every face intoxicated with patriotic fervour, yes, you have guessed right. We are talking of the 77th anniversary of our Motherland, India's freedom.

A series of fantastic programmes in the campus of OMK held everyone spellbound as the students

swept every body present here off their feet with power packed performances – whether it was their emotional appeals in the speeches, their musical incantations or their electrifying dance moves. The principal's wise words reminded them of the significance of the magnanimous day, and exhorted them to be true to their duties towards nation and society. A look at the grand visuals of the day...



"Freedom is never dear at any price. It is the breath of life. What would a man not pay for living?" ...



"It is easy to kill individuals, but you cannot kill the ideas. Great empires crumbled, while the ideas remain."



"Freedom is not given – it is taken." - Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose...



"Our freedom fighters sowed the seeds of independence; let's nurture the tree of progress."

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"Those who won our independence believed liberty to be the secret of happiness and courage to be the secret of liberty." - Louis D. Brandeis



"Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country." – John Fitzgerald Kennedy

K1 / K2 Library Activity



"The very existence of libraries affords the best evidence that we may yet have hope for the future of man" - T.S. Eliot

Science Lab Activity



"Science knows no country, because knowledge belongs to humanity, and is the torch which illuminates the world."



Education in the Labs

Science labs hold an irresistible attraction for students. It's because they have always been more interested in practical than in the theoretical aspect of education. In the labs, the things are not inscribed in a book, but they realize in front of the children. The physics concepts, the interesting formulae of chemistry, the mysteries from biology, all suddenly come alive in the form of designated activities under the supervision of the mentors.

That's why when the students step into a science lab, they are their curious best. They effortlessly get absorbed into tasks their teachers suggest. It opens to them the doors to an unknown world of learning. Here the information from books turn into knowledge with the perceived experiences.

Therefore, the lab sessions organised for various grades of OMK turned into sessions of joy. Learning and excitement. Be a witness to it through a few visuals...



"The laboratory is the temple of the soul of the scientist."

Assembly



It's Assembly Time Again

August brought a plethora of interesting topics for the assemblies. This time the senior most classes – Grades 11 and 12 started the ball rolling. They presented on the theme of 'Innovation and Creativity' which scattered itself in several hues of topics. The little ones of Grade 2 and 1 Delta enlarged on 'Friendship'. Their excitement for theme was perceptible from their beaming faces. They showed to all how friendship towers over other forms of human kinship because of selflessness inherent in it.

The tiny tots of Grade 1 were all at their jolly best when they stressed upon the importance of moral values in their presentation. The same theme resounded in some of the Grades of 10 as Iota and Delta tried to see the moral values under some deeper light and came out with some interesting interpretations.

The last sessions of the presentations were dedicated to the other sections of Grade 10, like Omega, Omicron and Sigma. Their theme – 'The Spirit of Freedom' - was inspired by the pious anniversary of India's Independence. The students set the stage on fire with their enthusiasm, sincerity and energy. A few visuals...



"It's easy to stand with the crowd, but it takes courage to stand alone." – Mahatma Gandhi

Assembly



"You are capable of amazing things." – Unknown

Assembly



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

Assembly



"Your time is limited, don't waste it living someone else's life." – Steve Jobs

Eloquently Excellent

Excellence is what we aim for in our assemblies asserting the strengths of our personalities through various presentation skills. The students of OMK mesmerised everyone and made it almost impossible to judge who was the best. Still on certain criteria like confidence, appearance and fluency, we picked the top three grades. 2 Omicron, presenting on a fantastic topic 'A single rose can be a garden just as a single friend can be your whole world' hit the winning punch. 1 Iota stood the runners up blazoning the stage with 'All that glitters is not gold. They delineated the importance of distinguishing the real from the fake. Very close on the heels were the gems of 3 Omega bagging the third spot on a touching topic 'सहानुभूति और दया'. They presented a moving assembly highlighting the significance of these virtues in our lives. A few visuals...



"Performance is not about getting your act together, but about opening up to the energy of the audience"

Leaders on the Move



The school is active not only on the days when the students are present, but they are on their toes even when the learners are resting their heels at home during study leaves. Coordinators are busy musing the best possible moves for the students' welfare. Ruminations are on, thoughts are being constantly exchanged and measures are being considered. This is what the leaders do whether the lights are on or off. Let's have a glimpse of the pioneers of OMK...





RAINY DAY CELEBRATION



Splash Pool

Saturdays become special for children when they provide them opportunities to stray a bit from studies and have some fun. And there is hardly any fun activity bigger than splashing in pools. This could become possible on two consecutive Saturdays of this month when the tiny tots of OMK visited the fancy swimming pools of 'Eduletics International A British School'. The enthusiasm was palpable among them as the buses left



the OMK campus for EBS. Well-cared by their teachers, they reached Eduletics and the fun began. Their joy knew no bounds.

In no time, they changed into their swimming costumes and went for the plunge. It was an extraordinary site. They splashed around like little mermaids. They were given basic lessons in swimming by the concerned faculties. Let's have a look at their glittering faces and frenzy with these visuals given here...



"Storms don't last forever; they make way for the sun."



"In the midst of rain, we find our strength."



"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass but learning to dance in the rain."



"Raindrops are the bravest things created by God."

Grade-1



"The rain reminds us that even the sky weeps sometimes."



“Raise your words, not your voice. It is rain that grows flowers, not thunder.” — Rumi



It's Game Time, It's Happy Time

This month brought an unexpected bonanza for Grade 1 students as they enjoyed a trip to Eduletics International A British School. The day was fun-filled as the kids had a splash in the pool, tried their hands at table tennis, chess, basket ball and carrom. Their exuberance and energy was palpable in their demeanor. Enjoy some visuals...

"Be still and listen to the story that the rain is trying to tell."

SOF Brings Laurels!

Science Olympiad Foundation has always been the favourite area for the geniuses at OMK to showcase their knowledge and hold on the subjects. Naturally, big wins pave their paths with trophies, medals and certificates.

This year, apart from the zone level victories, our students have been capable of winning medals at international levels too. Therefore, they deserved to be felicitated in a big way as the big medals couldn't wait more. In a small yet fabulously organized ceremony, these daredevils of OMK were honoured with appreciation and medals both. It was a momentous occasion for both – the performers and the management. A glimpse...

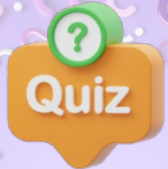


"Taste the relish to be found in competition -- in having put forth the best within you." -- Henry Kaiser



"Move fast. Speed is one of your main advantages over large competitors." – Sam Altman

Quiz Competition



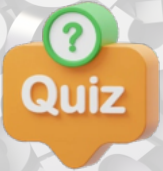
Quizzifying Knowledge

The best way to obtain knowledge is to ask questions and receive a suitable answer or response to it. Asking a question indicates you are curious enough to know the ways of the things, and if the question is good, the answer will appear from one of the myriad sources available around us. This perception, probably, brings Quizzes into existence.

OMK, since its beginning, has acted like a cradle to quiz related activities. The students are meticulously trained and prepared to become masters in this art. Rooted in the same tradition were the Quiz Competitions of this very month. Students from Grades 1 to 8 eagerly and enthusiastically participated in the quiz contests based on specific themes. In the final round conducted in the auditorium, the winners were declared and certificates were awarded to the deserving. Have a look...

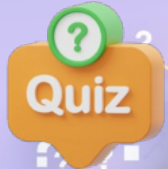


Quiz Competition



"Work while they sleep. Learn while they party. Save while they spend. Live like they dream."

Quiz Competition



"If you can dream it, you can do it." – Walt Disney



A Day for Plantation Enthusiasts at OMK

At Open Minds Kankarbagh, a day becomes special every year as it comes reminding all of their duties towards their mother planet and its environment. Any guesses? You are right if you are thinking about it being the Plantation Day. This day makes us introspect about our roles in keeping the environment safe enough for us and for the generations to come. We, at OMK, consider it a pious duty to keep the would be citizens present at our campus aware of their duties towards the flora and fauna on the earth.

A small plantation drive is organised under the supervision of the mentors who not only explain to them the nitty-gritties of the issue, but guide them into the process of planting trees and its importance. See the images and be involved with them through these visuals.





“What we are doing to the forests of the world is but a mirror reflection of what we are doing to ourselves and to one another.” – Chris Maser



"There is always Music amongst the trees in the Garden, but our hearts must be very quiet to hear it." – Minnie Aumonier



“Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn.” – Elizabeth Lawrence

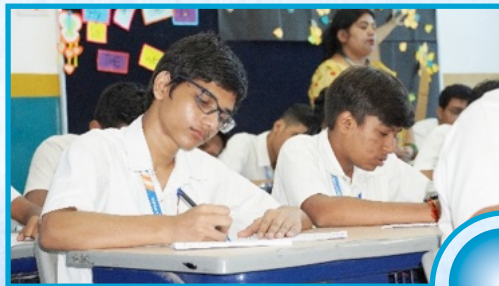
Mid Term Exam 2024-25



Exams on the Prowl!

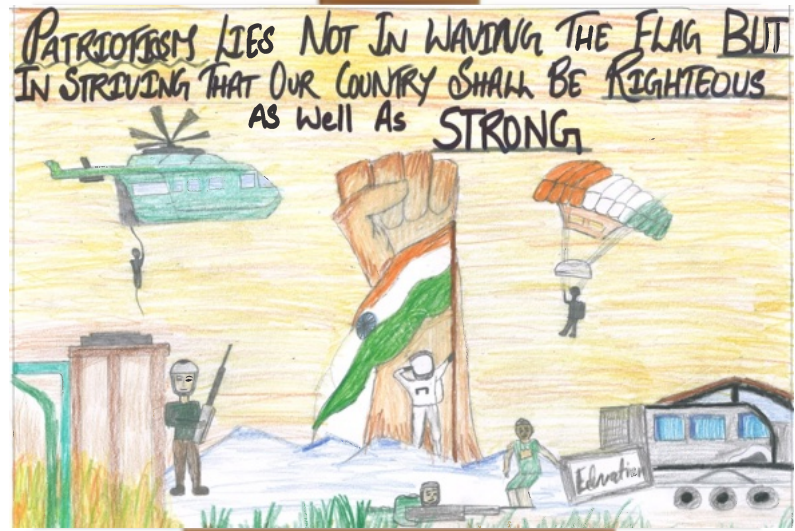
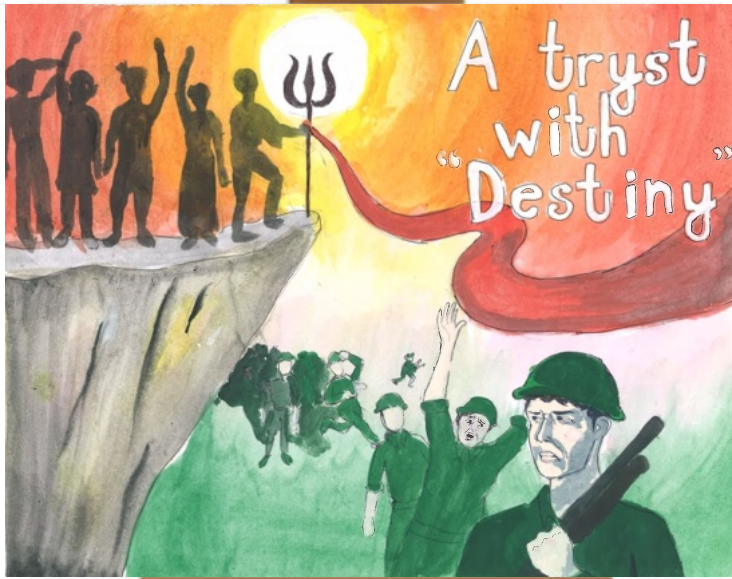
The school, having opened after a long summer break, was busy, at a frantic pace, running classes to complete the carved out portion of the syllabus for the mid-term. Suddenly the exams came like clouds covering the sky from all the corners. The solemn faces stood a testimony to the seriousness it had bought to them.

Revision sessions took over the space previously occupied by normal classes. Students turned, overnight, into studious souls to overcome the challenge standing on their way. It showed a tremendous transformation on all sides. These exams keep reminding us 'life too is an examination at every step, and those who face it with all the strength God has bestowed upon them, come out with flying colours in those tests.'



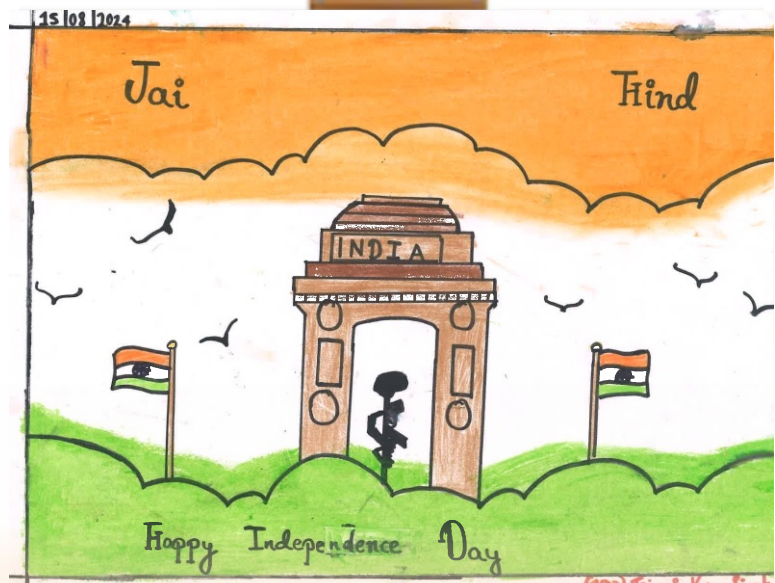
"Striving for success without hard work is like trying to harvest where you haven't planted." – David Bly

Painting Competition



Art is magical. People draw lines of different shapes and sizes, and lo, unexpectedly, fanciful figures and images appear on that piece of paper. What a genius the person is who can perform such feats! It is all in one's mind. And such magicians are there in good number in OMK.

This month a painting competition was organised among the kids of different grades, and they answered the call in such a spirited way that the occasion wore a festive look. The students drew a new vivid world on canvas. Then varied hues filled those worlds with a new life. The onlookers were filled with wonder. The mentors looked proud and satisfied. The little face, busy in their happy new creation, beamed with joy and the contentment of creating something wonderful.





TEACHERS of the MONTH

Appreciation to the dedicated teachers who foster a harmonious blend of discipline and class control, creating a supportive learning environment where students thrive!



SONI SINHA

Class Teacher

6 Zeta



SMITA BHARTI

Class Teacher

3 Sigma



TISHA SHREE

Class Teacher

5 Delta



ATISHI BHATIA

Class Teacher

2 Delta



RAKESH SINGH

Class Teacher

9 Zeta



AMIT PRIYADARSHI

Class Teacher

6 Omega

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