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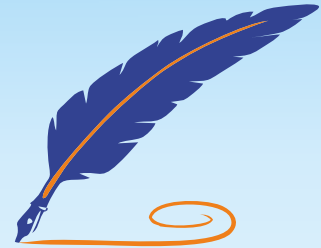


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NEWSLETTER



Principal's Desk



Dear Readers,

It's February, the beginning of the season of Spring when the entire earth adorns herself with a variegated floral robe. Everything is filled with a rare energy and there is a thrilling nip in the air. For those who love growth and internal blooming, this season signifies a new beginning and a flawless transformation. Leo Tolstoy, a great man and a legendary writer, says that spring is the time of plans and projects.

Suzanne Collins writes about the quality of resilience Spring brings to our life. She says, "What I need is the dandelion in the spring. The bright yellow that means rebirth instead of destruction. The promise that life can go on, no matter how bad our losses. That it can be good again."

Thus, let's permit this month to lubricate the cracks past months of struggle and exhaustion has created in our minds. Let us reflect on the distance we have covered so far – whether in academics or in other fields. Let us introspect if the path we have chosen is turning us into humans with a humane touch. Will it allow our consciousness to be all inclusive? Will the plights of our fellow citizens cause a surge of compassion in our hearts? Things like inflated ego, egotistical and self-centred attitudes are like weeds which hardly allow the seeds of positivity, strength and humility to bloom and flourish. Therefore, this is the time to wipe our conscience clean and be ready to welcome the opportunities that lie ahead.

The biggest challenge glaring into our face is giving Grade 10 and 12 students the necessary encouragement so that they may ace the Board exams with flying colours. We focused on those ones who needed some extra support. Online classes in Science and Mathematics were organized in the evenings involving the brightest faculties we have. The weak areas were worked upon making the students feel more confident to face the tests in right spirit. Walking this extra mile in supporting students left them emotionally moved.

Maa Sharda Scholarship was another step taken to help the students assist in their higher secondary endeavors. It underscores our willingness to propel the genius in them to the greatest altitude possible. It shows the school stands by them at every hour of need. Many of them showed interest in continuing their journey in Grade 11 and 12 with us.

February also witnessed the commencement of the Annual Examinations across grades with an aim to conclude them before Holi and save enough time for correction and preparation of result.

Let us be thankful to Divine and all those involved in this yajna of pure work and dedication to a sacred purpose. Wish you all a blissful Festival of Colours ahead!

Warm regards,

A. Awasthi



Editors Speak

Dear Reader,

The month of February was abuzz with nervous energy of both the students and the teachers amidst a flurry of activities, like examinations and tests - from the tests conducted in junior grades to the jitteriness about the approaching examinations of Grades 10 and 12, and many other things.

This season brings the aroma of freshness and creativity and motivates us to live the life to the fullest with a renewed zeal and vigour. The message of Spring is to come close to nature - external and internal both as only by harmonizing our insides and outsides that we enjoy life to the utmost. Spring beckons a new beginning, keeping all the past failures and frustrations aside and set out on the path to our new dreams with a renewed vigour.

This edition of the newsletter will give you a glimpse into the bustling and busy month of February at OMK.

Once again, we thank all the pens that contributed to the making of this month's newsletter, expressing a heart-felt gratefulness for your invaluable support.

Yours truly,

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“लक्ष्मीर्मेधा धरा पुष्टिर्गौरी तुष्टिः प्रभा धृतिः। एताभिः पाहि तनुभिरष्टाभिर्मा सरस्वति ॥”



“The light of knowledge, the shine of intelligence, and the art of learning provide a human with a beautiful ornament – one that never fades away, something that never loses its value: the wisdom to illuminate this world, and the caliber to conquer their dreams.

The resplendent festival of Saraswati Puja marks the arrival of spring, bringing with it a wave of festive spirit and a plethora of exuberance. Observed on the fifth day of the vibrant month of Magh – typically in January or February, this festival is a rhapsody of devotion to Goddess Saraswati.

This stimulating day is an occasion to adorn yourself in shades of yellow, symbolizing the radiance of intellect.

Open Minds A Birla School Kankarbagh has successfully inculcated these values into its students, shaping them into enlightened individuals who carry the brilliance of knowledge and the grace of wisdom.



“Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance.” Confucius

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Bon Voyage

2024-25

Bon Voyage and A Heartfelt Goodbye!

As the journey of our 12th graders came to an end the school bid them a warm farewell with a heart-touching celebration filled with nostalgia, laughter, and best wishes along with a good-luck party for the passing out Grade 10 students to wish them luck for their future. The farewell party was a perfect blend of emotions – tears of parting and smiles of remembrance.

The event began with a grand welcome for the students who graced the stage with their presence, dressed elegantly for the occasion. Juniors put together a delightful mix of performances, including soulful songs, energetic dances, and heartfelt speeches that made the seniors feel truly special. The air was filled with emotions as teachers shared words of wisdom, recounting cherished memories and imparting their blessings for the journey ahead.

The highlight of the event was the puja held to seek blessings for the students' bright future. This was followed by a feast where everyone enjoyed delicious food, strengthening bonds over shared laughter and memories. As the day progressed, the dance floor came alive, with students grooving to their favourite songs, making the farewell a perfect blend of tradition and celebration.

As the day ended, with wishes for success and bright futures, one thing remained clear – though they leave the school, their memories will forever be a part of its legacy.



GOOD
LUCK



"As you embark on a new journey, may the road ahead be filled with adventure and success."



"Every farewell is a new beginning; your journey awaits!"



"Life is a journey, and every goodbye paves the way for a new hello."



"As you close this chapter, may the next one be even more extraordinary."



"Farewell doesn't mean the end; it's a new start. Best of luck on your journey!"



"As you graduate, remember: Your education is a dress rehearsal for a life that is yours to lead. Farewell, and lead it well."



"Saying goodbye to students like you is bittersweet – watching you go, but excited for the world you'll impact. Farewell, future leaders!"



"May your dreams be larger than mountains and your determination deeper than the oceans. Farewell, graduates!"

PTM
10 & 12

and Admit Card Distribution

PTMs are special occasions as they not only cement the bonds between the parents and teachers, but they also provide an opportunity to build a partnership between them for the wholesome grooming of the children. Their significance further increases manifold if it is for those students who are on the threshold of facing their first Board examinations. The anxious faces of the parents and the reassuring ones of the teachers present a beautiful contrast.

February has been a witness to such a PTM in OMK campus after the Pre-board Examinations when the parents set their foot on the campus in order to receive the admit card for their ward's exams and get a peek into their performances in the recently concluded Pre-board 2.

In many cases children also accompanied their parents. They cast a look at the correction pattern, analysed their grey areas and strategized further improvement. It was a solemn yet interesting sight. Some images present here the glimpse of the same.



"Education is a shared journey, and PTMs ensure we walk it together."



"A child thrives when parents and teachers work hand in hand."



Assembly! Assembly!

Every morning, it's the assemblies that set the tone for the day in school. With the sound of the bell, the assigned grades run towards the assembly area – some with wings on their feet, while some dragging themselves on the allocated space. Those with stage fright shrink, while those who love to present shine.

Thus assemblies have a lots of benefits to offer. The exchange of knowledge between the mentors and the learners is of stellar quality, at the same time they provide a stage where children can showcase their hidden talents in performing arts. Conquering the stage fear is the biggest of gains a student should strive for.

At OMK, this month of February brought quite a few qualitative assemblies on interesting topics for the middle-school. It was mesmerising to watch the little children shed all hesitation, walk up the podium and create a fantastic show of their genius. A few glimpses...



“Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.” – Nelson Mandela



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



"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." – Eleanor Roosevelt



Mass PT



"You don't stop playing because you grow old; you grow old because you stop playing!"



"The game is never more important than the people you play with."



An Institution Par Excellence is one that stands with its students in their times of need. And it is not necessary for the students to reveal their needs, rather it is the institution's to understand it even when unstated, to go to them and become a pillar of support for them.

OMK has always stood by its children, whenever they looked up to it. This year again, walking its talks and promises, Open Minds Kankarbagh presented a brilliant opportunity to support and strengthen its students writing Grade 10 Board exams.

Based on the results of Pre-board II exams, the students who had scored 80 per cent or more, were offered a wonderful opportunity if they chose to continue their higher secondary education with it.

At the time of Admit Card Distribution, they were handed over a cheque of ₹ 51,000.00 as part of Maa Sharda Scholarship. If the concerned students scored 90 percent or above in the Grade 11 annual exams, they would be eligible to encash that cheque receiving the offered amount. If the student further scores 90 percent or above in Grade 12 Board exams, they would be eligible for another cheque worth ₹ 51,000/- which they would be able to readily encash into their accounts.

It is a fantastic offer for those who need it or deserve it. Now the ball lies in the students' court to take this challenge and perform superbly well to avail this opportunity.



“Education is an ornament in prosperity and a refuge in adversity.” — Aristotle



"The education of circumstances is superior to that of tuition." — William Wordsworth



8th Edition

Pariksha Pe Charcha 2025

For a few years, the Indian Nation has been organizing a brilliant programme to rid its students of the fear of exams. This outstanding idea was initiated by none other than the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi who picked students from across the nation on the basis of their participation in a survey conducted by the government.

This programme is realized just before the Board exams for the classes 10 and 12 are set to commence. On the basis of a simple yet efficient criteria, certain number of children representing all the corners of the country are selected, and they participate in a face to face interaction with the Prime Minister.

In the mesmerizing conversation and queries that go on for a considerable period of time, the PM tries to abolish the fear of exams from the children's minds. The ease and intricacy with which the PM interacts with the children is amazing.

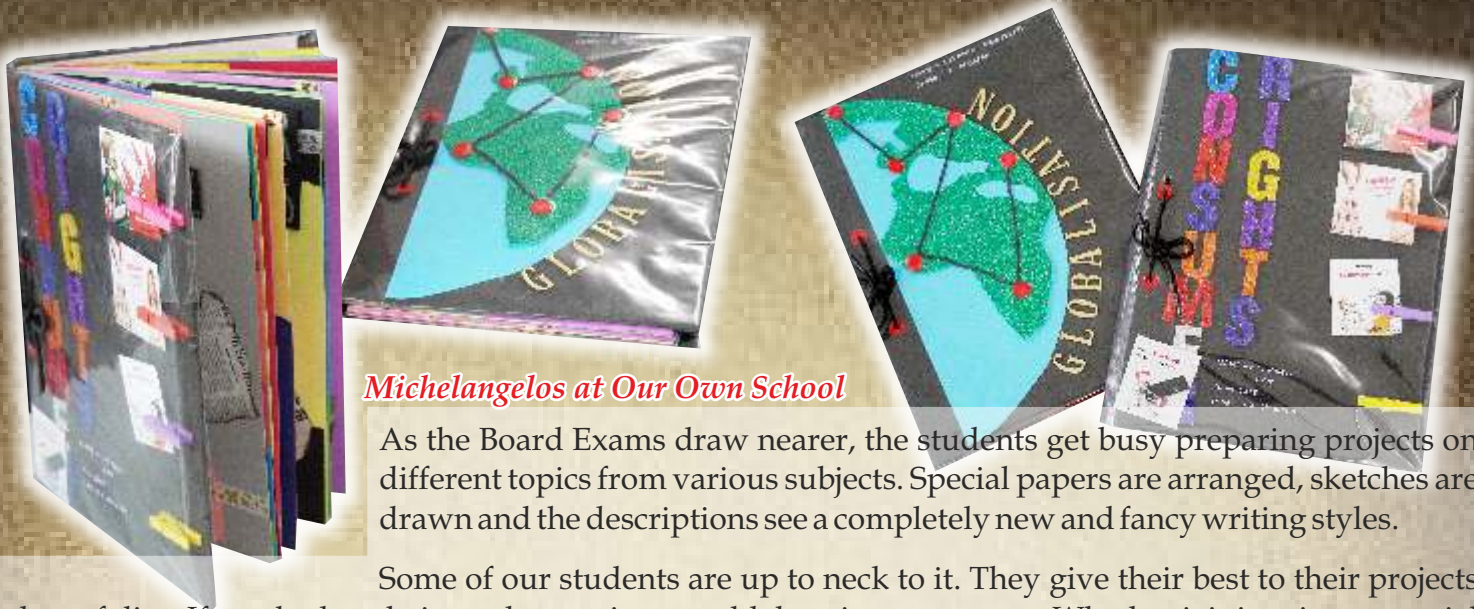
At, OMK, all the children across middle and senior grades assemble in the auditorium to watch this programme on the screen. How effective this programme is can be speculated to see the children clapping vigorously at certain queries from the participating children and the unique solutions provided by the Prime Minister. Let's have a glance at some visuals collected...



"I never said it would be easy, I only said it would be worth it." – Mae West



"Some people dream of success, while other people get up every morning and make it happen."



Michelangelos at Our Own School

As the Board Exams draw nearer, the students get busy preparing projects on different topics from various subjects. Special papers are arranged, sketches are drawn and the descriptions see a completely new and fancy writing styles.

Some of our students are up to neck to it. They give their best to their projects and portfolios. If you look at their work, your jaw would drop in amazement. Whether it is in sciences, social sciences, or languages, these art works mesmerize all.

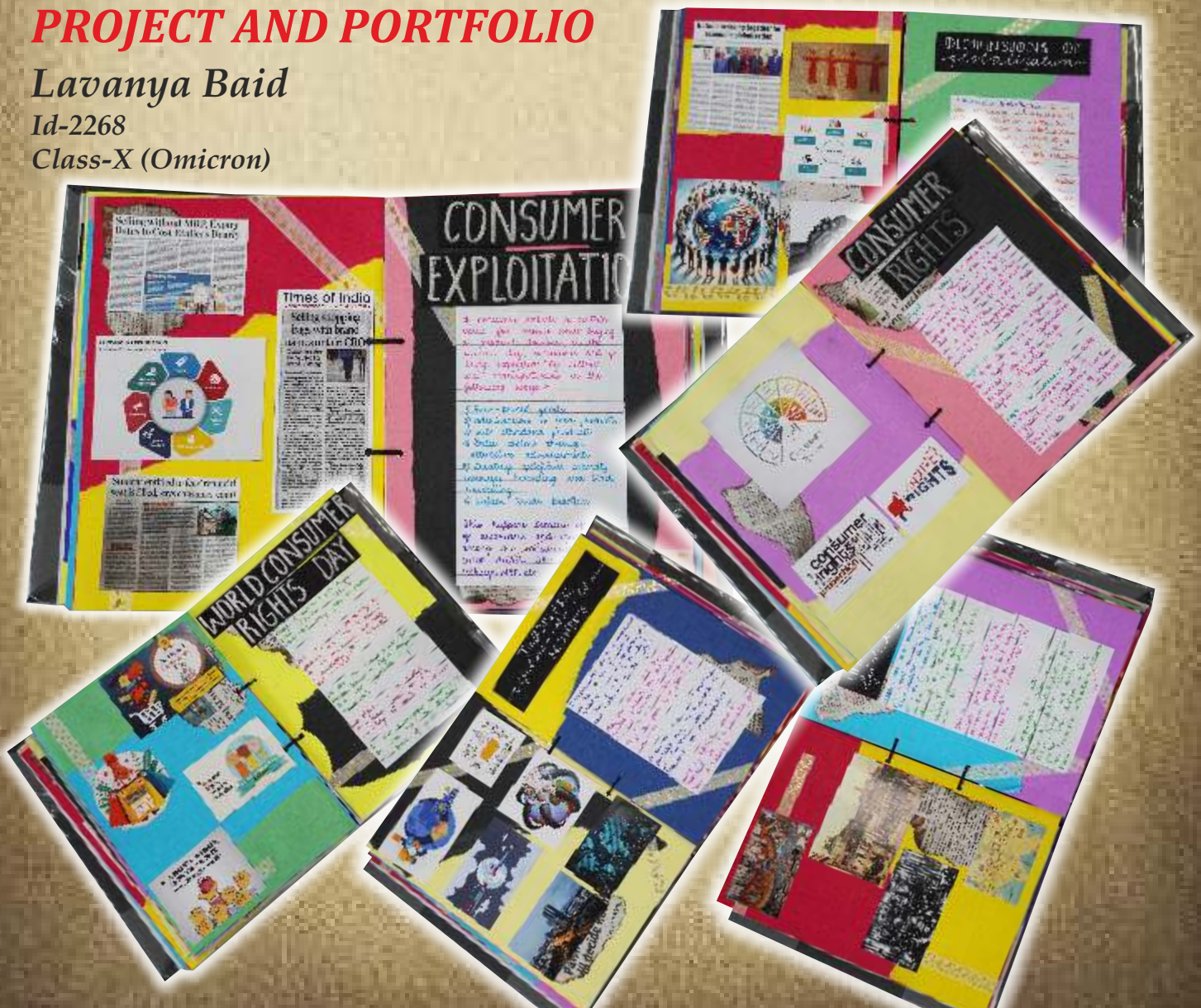
Recently, while attending their projects, the teachers came across some outstanding presentations on paper. Every page was nothing less than a work of intricate designing. Every letter told a story. We couldn't help appreciate those works and thought of presenting their glimpse for all of you esteemed readers. Let us relish the hard work and refined thinking they have invested into the task. Here are the images...

PROJECT AND PORTFOLIO

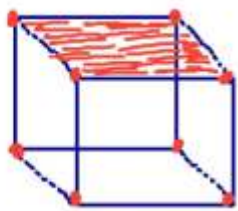
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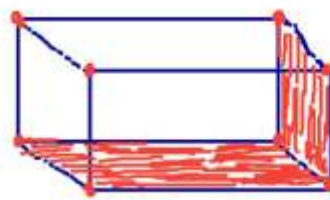


"The only limit to the height of your achievements is the reach of your dreams and your willingness to work for them." – Michelle Obama



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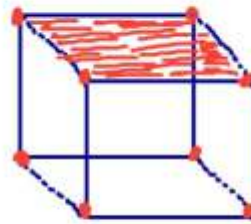
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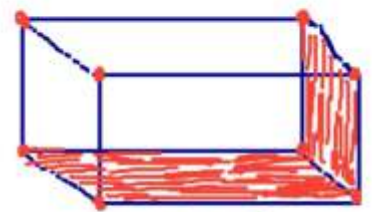
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Online Classes: Help at the Doorstep

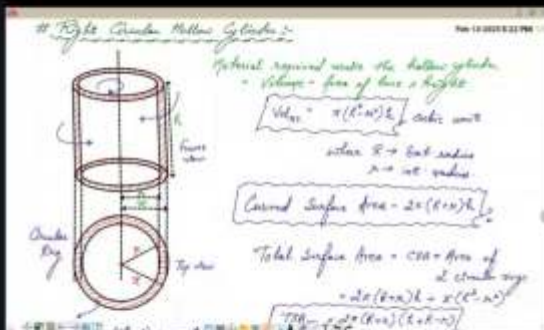
Open Minds Kankarbagh has been a student-centric institution. All the activities conducted here aim at benefitting the students. Whether in the classroom or off it in the online mode, we are ready to assist them in their studies and overall progress.

We teach both comprehensively and comprehensibly in the classroom, and if needed, organize online classes to clear the doubts, solidify the concepts or give them a bit of practice and revision.

In the light of the ongoing Board exams, OMK extensively organized online classes in the evening for Mathematics and

Sciences. The classes were conducted by expert faculties and the grey areas of the students were diligently addressed. Using the online tools, the teachers, not only showed them derivations and steps to solve the problems, but provided them appropriate homework to familiarize them with the problems. The emphasis was on teaching them how to go for the right approach while taking on a mathematical sum.

The students experienced a great help through these online classes. A few images to glimpse at...



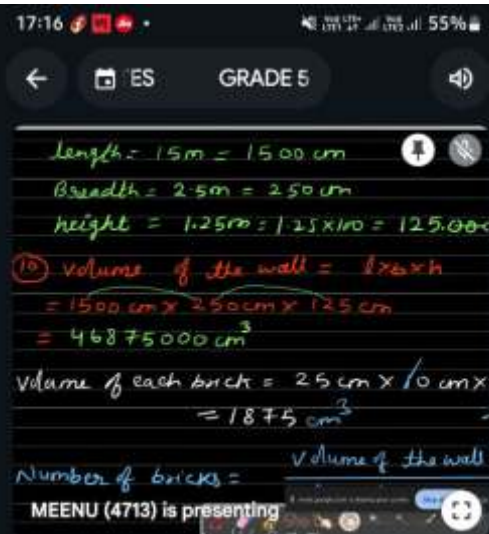
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"In order to create an engaging learning experience, the role of instructor is optional, but the role of learner is essential." - Bernard Bull



CBSE Board Exam 2025



"There is no substitute for hard work." — Thomas Edison



"You don't drown by falling in the water; you drown by staying there." — Ed Cole

Final Term Exam



Bye Bye, Exams!

As the month of February slips in, the students as well as the teachers get more conscious. For the students, it is the time to test what they have gained throughout the year, and prove their mettle at the touchstone of exams. And why not? The entire year's preparation is to be tested.

But exams hone the skills of a person and make him or her a pro into whatever they have learnt. After all, it is fire that turns iron into steel.

At OMK, this period signifies a sacred festival to which every body - whether students or teachers - contribute to the best of their ability. Every classroom becomes a witness to the students, in their solemn mood, bent on their desks writing their papers, assisted by their mentors wherever necessary. It is pleasant to see these little minds maturing into worthy and knowledgeable citizens of India through these exams. Let's have a look at these visuals...



"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out." — Robert Collier



"Forget all the reasons it won't work and believe the one reason that it will." — Unknown



"The secret of success is to do the common things uncommonly well." — John D. Rockefeller

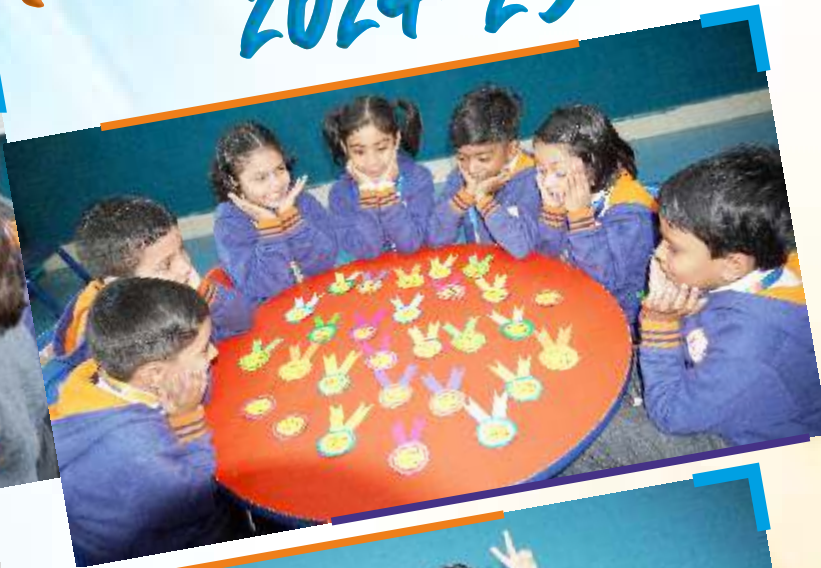


“In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure.” — Bill Cosby



"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work learning from failure." — General Colin Powell

Last Day of Session 2024-25



"It is never too late to be what you might have been." — Unknown



"Sunsets are proof that endings can be beautiful." — Beau Taplin



Exceptional Performers of the Month

February 2025

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



Ms. Anita Kumari

Recognized for exceptional hard work and dedication, which led to outstanding student performance in the farewell



Ms. Rinku Banerjee

Acknowledged for significantly improving student performance in Application Writing Activities, surpassing other grades.



Mr. Abhijeet Raj Modanwal

Commended for his efficient work in aligning with departmental directions



Mr. Balveer Singh

Recognized for exceptional hard work and dedication, which led to outstanding student performance in the farewell

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



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