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Principal's Desk



What a remarkable journey July has been, filled with the vibrant energy of our students and the unfolding of their immense potential. If education truly is the unfurling of the human spirit, then these past weeks have seen our corridors hum with the very essence of discovery, responsibility, and unwavering support.

The democratic spirit, so beautifully highlighted in June, found its full expression this month with the election of our Student Council. To witness our young leaders engage in respectful debate, present their visions, and participate in the electoral process has been nothing short of inspiring. Following this, the Investiture Ceremony was a powerful affirmation of the trust we place in these elected students. As they donned their badges of office, we saw not just individuals, but a collective promise – a commitment to serve, to guide, and to embody the values we hold dear. This ceremony was a poignant reminder that leadership is not merely a title, but a profound responsibility to one's peers and community.

July also marked the exciting ***presentation of our Samvid, Samvad, Samarthya, and Srijan Clubs*.** These clubs are the crucibles where passions are forged, talents are honed, and creativity flourishes. From intellectual discussions in Samvad to innovative projects in Srijan, our students are discovering avenues for self-expression and collaborative learning that extend far beyond the traditional classroom. We believe that true education encompasses the cultivation of every facet of a child's being, and these clubs are instrumental in fostering holistic development.

Beyond the spotlight of these events, our commitment to every single child remains steadfast. This month, we reaffirmed our dedication to providing tailored support through the Mathlete and Sahyog Clubs, specifically designed to assist students who require additional academic guidance. We understand that every learner progresses at their own pace, and it is our privilege to provide the resources and encouragement needed for all to thrive. Similarly, our focus on the primary wing for improving reading and writing skills underscores our belief in building strong foundational literacies. These quieter, consistent efforts are the bedrock upon which all future learning is built.

As July draws to a close, we are reminded that growth isn't always marked by grand ceremonies. It resides in the quiet determination of a student mastering a new concept, in the supportive hand offered by one friend to another, and in the joy of discovery within our vibrant club activities. Education, in its truest form, is the continuous nurturing of wonder, the instilling of dignity, and the unwavering belief in every child's dreams.

Let us carry the spirit of July forward, celebrating every small victory and embracing every opportunity to learn and grow together. We continue this shared journey with wisdom in our minds and kindness in our hearts.

Yours in service and in spirit,
A. Awasthi

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Editors Speak

Dear Reader,

As the poem portrays,
"The heights by great men reached and kept
Were not attained by sudden flight,
But they, while their companions slept,
Were toiling upward in the night."

We entered into the vivacious stretch of July, seizing the moment to celebrate the democratic pulse of our "Student Council Elections" which unfolded through a series of innovative and impactful campaigns.

As the clock ticked on, the Investiture Ceremony approached – an occasion when we formally pinned our quintessential student leaders, preparing them for the broad spectrum of responsibilities that lie ahead.

Fuelled by the same spirit, we went on to honour the dazzling performers of the PMT with certificates and medals, recognising their hard work.

Thus, the month of July opened as a cornucopia of commendable events, an orchestra of outstanding results, and an invigorating blend of emotions, elevating the spirit of the school to a new height.

Our month's newsletter is all set to go!
Wishing you an enthralling experience ahead.

Yours truly,
The Editorial Board
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GROUP DISCUSSION

OF THE CANDIDATES

FOR THE ELECTIONS

"A lively discussion is usually helpful, becouse the hottest five makes the hardest steel."





TESTING LEADERSHIP SKILLS THROUGH GROUP DISCUSSION

In a democratic school environment, choosing leaders should go beyond posters and promises. To ensure that student council candidates are selected for their ideas and qualities, our school organized Group Discussions (GDs) as part of the election process. This thoughtful initiative allowed every participant to showcase their mindset, cooperation, and leadership potential in a more meaningful way.

The topics chosen were engaging and relevant -such as "Character Building vs Academic Discipline Through Freedom or Fear", and "Leadership - Democratic vs Authoritarian.







"A good discussion increases the dimensions of everyone who takes part."

These led to thoughtful debates where some supported discipline and responsibility, while others promoted creative thinking. empathy, and inclusion. The variety of inputs showed how each candidate prioritizes different aspects of leadership.

The discussion format also brought out less obvious qualities like listening, cooperation, and emotional balance. Candidates who may not be the loudest speakers showed depth through thoughtful replies and respectful behaviour. It became clear that leadership involves more than speaking - it's also about understanding and responding wisely. It was a reminder that true leadership begins with dialogue, not just declarations.











"Our ideas need to become part of everyday discussion."









"The aim of argument, or of discussion, should not be victory but progress."

CAMPAIGNING



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



Campaign Fever: Voices Rose, Visions Unfolded

With the final list of candidates announced, the school campus witnessed a surge of excitement **as campaigning for the Student Council Elections** officially kicked off.

Candidates stepped forward with confidence, presenting their ideas, promises, and vision for change. From engaging speeches during assemblies to thoughtful class-to-class interactions, the air was filled with persuasive words and hopeful energy. Slogans were chanted, manifestos were shared, and every candidate brought forth their unique approach to leadership.

What truly stood out was the spirit in which the campaigns were conducted. Students displayed maturity, respect, and a deep understanding of responsibility. Rather than relying on popularity alone, candidates focused on purpose - driven promises - each rooted in the desire to bring genuine improvement to the school environment.

Peers listened, questioned, and discussed-reflecting how involved and aware the student body had become. The atmosphere was electric, not with rivalry, but with the shared excitement of a democratic process in motion.

The campaigning phase not only showcased leadership but also celebrated participation, confidence, and commitment. As the election day drew closer, one thing was certain - the future leaders of the school had already made their mark.

“Somewhere inside of all of us is the power to change the world.” - Roald Dahl

School Council : 2025-26

SCHOOL AMBASSADOR



SHUBH AITASH — VOTE 60.8%

VICE SCHOOL AMBASSADOR



ARRYONA MISHRA — VOTE 37.5%

SCHOOL CAPTAIN



ARNAV UPADHYAY — VOTE 67.8%

VICE SCHOOL CAPTAIN



DEEPANKAR SUDHANSHU — VOTE 61.9%

SCHOOL SPORTS CAPTAIN



VAISHNAVI AGRAWAL — VOTE 50.5%

VICE SCHOOL SPORTS CAPTAIN



ESHAAN VARDHAN — VOTE 63.4%

DISCIPLINE CAPTAIN



AASTHA SHARMA — VOTE 54.5%

VICE DISCIPLINE CAPTAIN



DIVYA ANSH — VOTE 62.6%

HOUSE CAPTAIN (LEGACY)



AYANK PANDEY — VOTE 69.50%

VICE HOUSE CAPTAIN (LEGACY)



ARIT KUMAR — VOTE 57.20%

HOUSE CAPTAIN (AMBITION)



ARNAV ANAND — VOTE 51.30%

VICE HOUSE CAPTAIN (AMBITION)



ADITI SRIVASTAVA — VOTE 60.60%

HOUSE CAPTAIN (DISCOVERY)



ANANDI TIWARY — VOTE 57.10%

VICE HOUSE CAPTAIN (DISCOVERY)



ROHIT RAJ — VOTE 57.80%

HOUSE CAPTAIN (SPIRIT)



ADITYA KUMAR — VOTE 56.60%

VICE HOUSE CAPTAIN (SPIRIT)



AASTHA WATSH — VOTE 63.60%

"Innovation distingueshes between a leader and a follower."

















"In the matters of style, swim with the current: in matters of principle, stand like a rock."













"Voting is a civic sacrament."

























"Voting is the expression of our commitment to ourselves, one another, this country and this world."



"A man without a vote is a man without protection."











RESULT ANNOUNCEMENT

Results are Out: A New Council is Born

After days of buzzing campaigns, thoughtful speeches, and spirited conversations, the moment everyone had been waiting for finally arrived the **announcement of the Student Council Election results.**

Hearts pounded and excitement ran high as students gathered, eyes fixed on the stage where the final names would be revealed. The atmosphere was filled with suspense, hope, and applause. One by one, the elected leaders were announced-each name greeted with cheers, claps, and beaming smiles.

For the newly elected council members, it was a moment of pride and promise. Their journey from nomination to campaign, and now to leadership, reflected their dedication, perseverance, and ability to connect with their peers.

But this day wasn't just about victory. It was also about the courage of those who contested but didn't win. Their participation showed bravery, vision, and the true spirit of leadership. They walked away not with a badge, but with experience and the respect of their schoolmates.

As the new council took their positions and accepted their responsibilities, a new chapter of leadership began-one rooted in service, collaboration, and commitment to the school community. The elections may be over, but the journey of leadership has just begun.

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





"Followers who tell the truth, and leaders who listen to it, are an unbeatable combination."

INVESTITURE CEREMONY









As the students embarked on their new session, they were bestowed with a new opportunity to shape their skills and become the shining student leaders of OMK. It unfolded with a symphony of scintillating events: campaign, interviews, group discussions and much more, but the one event which the souls of the student leaders awaited was the 'Investiture Ceremony'.

This ceremony encompassed the array of emotions where the young leaders were formally recognised with the pinning of badges and a dazzling display of various performances.

"The only reliable leadership for transforming the community within our workplace is our own."



With the same unrelenting spirit, the student council members were acknowledged as the new post holders ready to uphold the integrity and decorum of the school.

Thus, OMK received its guiding pillars – students who would strengthen the students' beliefs and carry their requests towards execution with best of their potential and experience.



"Nearly, all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power."



"The way you behave when you think you can get away with it is who you really are."



"The pressure of adversity does not affect the mind of the brave man.
It is more powerful than external circumstances."



















"As you move outside of your comfort zone, what was once the unknown and frightening becomes your new normal."



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"It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are."











The Pre-Mid-Term Examinations of the session 2025-26 appeared as a competitive arena where the students ignited their focus and raced against the clock, chasing their exams with dedication. During those intense days of examination, while preparing for each subject, students cultivated a multitude of qualities that bore fruit on the most awaited day—the day of the results.

The PMT report cards did not merely represent scores or percentages, but stood as a testament to the students' determination and their exemplary fervour. To further elevate this academic zeal and prepare the OMKites for the path to excellence, the school recognised its brightest stars with certificates and medals.

"The real man smiles in trubles, gathers strenqth from distress and grows brave by reflection."



The school sincerely appreciated its performers For their vibrant display of academic potential, profound focus, and unrelenting commitment in the aforementioned examination. The medals and certificates awarded to each student are not just material tokens of admiration but symbols of inspiration for them.

Therefore, the school encourages its achievers to continue soaring high in the sphere of academics, to compete with unending enthusiasm, and to rise in their lives with the most exemplary of qualities.

"If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way."



A Presentation of

Various Clubs

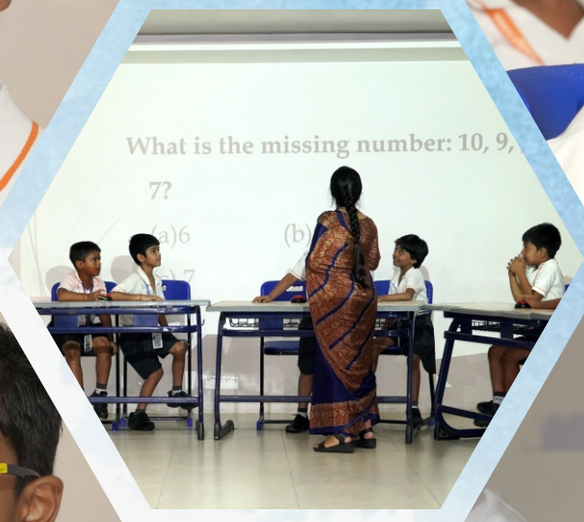
School life is more than just textbooks, exams, and classrooms — it's about discovering passions, developing skills, and building lasting friendships. One of the best ways students can enrich their school experience is by joining a club. At our school, a wide variety of clubs cater to diverse interests, ensuring there's something for everyone. Here's a glimpse into the vibrant world of our student clubs.

"No need to hurry, no need to sparkle, no need to be anybody but oneself." - Virginia Woolf

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"Doubt kills more dreams than failure ever will."











"Creativity is a wild mind and a disciplined eye."

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"Every champion was once a contender that didn't give up."

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Exceptional Performers of the Month

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



Mrs. Gauri Ma'am

for the exceptional guidance and leadership in demonstrating a beautiful class assembly



Mrs. Aditi Sinha

for the exceptional guidance and leadership in demonstrating a beautiful class assembly



Mrs. Hena Belal

for the exceptional guidance and leadership in demonstrating a beautiful class assembly

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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