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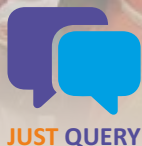


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Principal's Desk



Dear Readers,

August is a beautiful month with rains on their pinnacle. The earth seems to have worn a beautiful green attire. These rains are no ordinary phenomena – they rain within and without. The pitter-patter of the rain drops create a symphony within the sensitive hearts, memories – happy and sad - come flooding and overwhelm one's senses. It's true that rains do restrict one's movements, but these are the times to pause, be still and look back at one's thoughts, intentions and plans. They are the times of introspection, to listen to one's own self, to talk to one's own heart and muster new energy to walk on the set paths once the humid shadows drift away.

In school, August signifies a busy time as many things wait culmination. The biggest attraction is the Independence Day which we celebrate with enthusiasm and piety at OMK. The entire school works hard to do things on that day with style and precision. From flag hoisting to the parades and all the cultural presentations that take place, we ensure everything falls in.

Mid-term examinations are another momentous event set in August which require immaculate preparation and realization. The half of the session stealthily inches towards its completion. The exam-exhausted minds heave a sigh of relief and buckle for Post-midterm session commencing on September 1. August conveys 'education is a never ending process' which goes on from womb to tomb, and we as OMkites must keep striving to expand one's consciousness. Stagnant water goes rotten, while life lies in moving constantly on.

This issue of the newsletter has witnessed a new editorial team taking charge. Despite the pressure of examination, they have contributed commendably well to its making. I hope, in the months to come, they will, gradually develop better understanding of the entire process, mature up as writers and give the newsletter the best they have.

Let's keep walking as it's going to be an eternal journey towards self-realization in a way. Wish all a pleasant reading!

Warm regards,

A. Awasthi



Editors Speak

Dear Reader,

The investiture and the pinning of the badges over, now we are the full-fledged editors, ready to take the responsibility of launching our newsletter every month. Though we could right, getting into the practicals is a completely new experience.

It was only after having a serious reading of the previous issues of the newsletter that we got some taste of it. We read and read again to understand the flavour, the style, the language and generally what do we do with it and how.

With our limited knowledge and unlimited enthusiasm, we set down to the task. We analysed the topic, got the details and, then, sat down to write the final pieces. We found it was a great learning experience, and after serving this month's issue before you all, we feel more confident and determined to do better and bring out for you something in the form of the newsletter which you can cherish reading.

We request your patience and cooperation in this journey we are making.

Wish you a happy reading!

Yours truly,

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"A person can rise through the efforts of his own mind or draw himself down in the same manner."

Cherishing Krishna, The Karm Yogi

When the clock strikes midnight, and the sound of the flute fills the air, India celebrates not just a festival, but a tapestry of contours, devotion and joy.

And this year, the little miracles of K2 OMK, dressed up as Shrikrishna and Radha walked through the premises of the school with steps which echoed innocence and mischief alike, thus capturing hearts and chanting “Radhe, Radhe!” India is the land of Krishna and we do believe his secret vibrations are still there. His stories are embedded in every nook and corner of the country. He was an absolute example of balance and righteous action.



“A man is made by his belief. As he believes, so he is.”



"Fear not. What is not real never was and never will be. What is real always was and cannot be destroyed."



"We are kept from our goal, not by obstacles, but by a clear path to a lesser goal."



"May the flute of Lord Krishna guide your heart towards peace and harmony."

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

15 August

reserves a special place in our hearts as it marks the birth of a young and energetic Bharat.

This day is celebrated with some special fervour and joy accompanied by a plethora of programmes at various platforms.

At OMK, it has been a tradition to observe this day elaborately. A blueprint of the programme prepared with all its minute details, this year's Independence Day was a huge success.

The flag hoisted with all its grandeur, the students saluted it in a well-orchestrated parade. Inspiring speeches, songs, dance and many more things marked the occasion.

The day got brighter with several contests organized for the students, i.e. debate, speech, poetry and painting contests marked the occasion. The winners were recommended for merit and prizes.



“The most courageous act is still to think for yourself. Aloud.”



"The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence." - Denis Waitley



"Liberty can no more exist without virtue and independence than the body can live and move without a soul." - John Adams



"True independence and freedom can only exist in doing what's right." - Brigham Young



"To find yourself, think for yourself." – Socrates



"I am no bird; and no net ensnares me; I am a free human being with an independent will." - Charlotte Bronte



"Independence, like honor, is a rocky island, without a beach." - Napoleon Bonaparte



"The price for independence is often isolation and solitude." - Steve Schmidt

Director's Meeting on Visit to India



RENDEZVOUS WITH MR DIRECTOR

Our director is quite an amiable person. He mingles easily with rank and file and is good at motivating those he comes into contact with.

This month witnessed a meeting between him and the staff. It was a normal meeting with friendly dialogue. The director put all his plans and commitments in front of all. He hardly hides anything. The staff, especially the newly joined ones, got a chance to have a peek into his persona. He was affable, radiating positivity and easily establishing a rapport with all. The meeting lasted for an hour. Some announcements were made from his side which thrilled the members. It was a beautiful morning with a cordial chit-chat with him.



"A boss has the title, the leader has the people." —Simon Sinek



“Becoming a leader is synonymous with becoming yourself. It is precisely that simple and it is also that difficult.” —Warren G. Bennis



"Become the kind of leader that people would follow voluntarily, even if you had no title or position." —Brian Tracy
"Leaders don't adapt to the energy in a room, they influence the energy in a room." —Josh Axe



Assemblies All The Way...!



November was a remarkable month. The mid-term assemblies progressed almost as schedule, but a few accomplishments made us happy. Grade 9 which had performed casually last time stole the show with their well-crafted performance.

They prepared well, walked up the stage with spring in their steps, and never wavered while delivering their speeches. The set a benchmark which will stand tall for some time. 9 Iota were the highest scorers who took the given assignment in a right spirit and mesmerized everyone with their immaculate presentation.



"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."



"The only way to achieve the impossible is to believe it is possible."



"The only limit to our realisation of tomorrow will be our doubts of today."



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



“Believe in yourself and all that you are. Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle.”



SOF and Prizes for the Meritorious

The Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF) provides students with the opportunity to showcase their academic brilliance across the Eight Olympiads. It's a unique platform for all scholars to participate and prove themselves at the International Level. Every year, millions of students from tens of thousands of schools participate in the Level 1 exams that are held all over the country. Although only a few make it to the second level, and even fewer can make it all the way to getting felicitated for their performance.

This year, the students of our school did exceptionally well not only on the zonal, but also on the international level. Here are a few glimpses of the felicitation ceremony they deserve for their excellent performance and hard work...



"Trust yourself, you know more than you think you do" — Benjamin Spock



"Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do." — John Wooden



"Life is never made unbearable by circumstance, but only by lack of meaning and purpose." — Viktor Frankl

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"Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing." - Ben Franklin



CBSE nurtures broad vision of honing the written and oral skills of the students. To realize it, it keeps organizing various writing and speaking contests across schools.

In the same order, they got an essay writing contest conducted in our school in which the students of middle and senior grades exercised

their pens to set in black and white their thoughts on the given topics which were basically related to competency building and its importance.

Since the topics had been already discussed with and explained to the students, they came prepared with certain level of research after a proper brainstorming. On the appointed day, all the participants sat in a hall and wrote at length on the suggested issues: It was great to see our young students maturely filling the pages given with what they thought or analysed.



What is written without effort is in general read without pleasure.” - Samuel Johnson



The moment the students at OMK come to know they have to visit Eduletics International A British School, their joy knows no bounds. Talks start: “I am going to wear this...” Somebody says, “I'm going to ask Mama to get me this as lunch.”

There is no end to the innocent planning. And why not? After all, they are going to have splash pool and various other activities on their plates.

The sprawling campus of Eduletics provide them a chance to make most of their activity time. They run, they play. They yell. They do a lot of things and then, there is certainly splashes in the pool. Water have unfathomable attraction for kids and they love playing with it.

So this August brought a lot of joy for the students in the form of 'Splash Pool' which was definitely the centre of attraction. It's time to play now! Let's have a few glimpses...



“If bread is the first necessity of life, recreation is a close second.” — Edward Bellamy



"In our leisure we reveal what kind of people we are." — Ovid



“The true object of all human life is play. Earth is a task garden; heaven is a playground.” — G. K. Chesterton



"The best recreation is to do good." — William Penn



“One of the best ways to make other people happy is to be happy yourself.” — Gretchen Rubin



"People rarely succeed unless they have fun in what they are doing." — Dale Carnegie



“Sometimes, the simple things are more fun and meaningful than all the banquets in the world.” — E.A. Buchianeri



“Life is a great big canvas; throw all the paint you can on it.” — Danny Kaye



“We must not only obtain Wisdom: we must enjoy her.” — Marcus Cicero

YOUTH PARLIAMENT



Presentations by students for mock MUN, Parliament, Panchayat



The strength of a nation and the world lies in its youth. Their idea and vision not only can transform the classrooms, but also the entire community. And this year the young geniuses of OMK used this opportunity to prove this point. With their voices that echo change, they debated the issues pertaining to India

and the world, and brought democracy to life till Gram Panchayat which is the backbone of Local Self Government. Conducting Model United Nations, Parliament and Panchayats are the ways to introduce the young generation to the nuances of democracy and the world government. It's okay to know about them from books, but it is better to learn by doing.



It was a grand show accomplished by the students of our school. They could do so by working in and after the school at their homes under the wise mentorship of the S.St. department. The students put heart and soul into the task and pulled a captivating show of communication and presentation skills.

"Parliament is more than procedure - it is the custodian of the nation's freedom." – John Diefenbaker



"Parliaments cannot right the world; but enough individuals feeling love can." – Lester Levenson



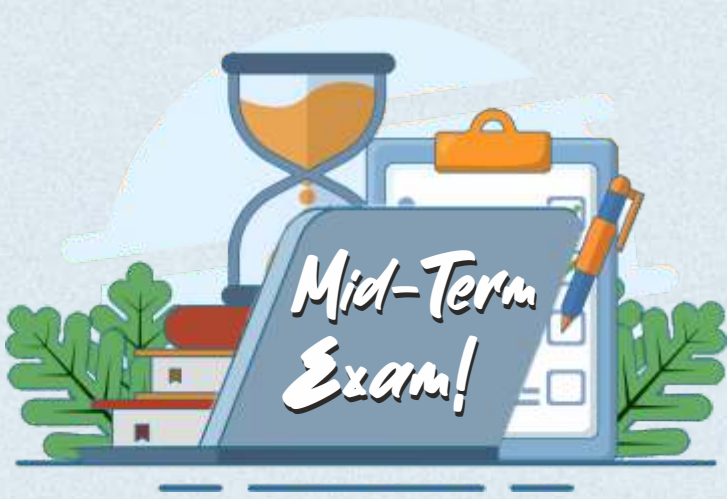
“Those who cannot forgive others break the bridge over which they themselves must pass.” – Confucius



“Wherever there is a parliament, there must of necessity be an opposition.” – John Wagstaff



"Hardwork never brings fatigue, it brings satisfaction."



Here comes the exam extravaganza!

Around our campus, the month of August brought a gigantic wave of celebrations and excitement for all of us. But alongside joy and fabulous moments, tiptoed the examinations, bringing a mix of focus and fervour in the routine of both students and teachers. Revisions and tests glazed over the classrooms, and it was, finally, the time which reflected what the students desired and accomplished.

Ting-Tong! It was finally the time where the daredevils showcased their knowledge and intelligence.

Some visuals better tell the story...



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



"It's hard to beat a person who never gives up."



"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think."



Exceptional Performers of the Month

August 2025

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



for impressive board decoration

Ms. Rinku Banerjee



Mr. Rohit Raj



Ms. Saba Enam



Ms. Saakshi Darshna



Mr. Shatish Kumar



Ms. Poonam Verma



Mr. Amit Priyadarshi



Ms. Divya Kumari

For exceptional hard work and commitment in training students for SST presentations

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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