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"A Message from the Principal's Desk"

"When we turn inward and conquer the demons within, the world outside becomes a reflection of that victory."

Dear Readers,
Our ancient scriptures are not just tales of gods and demons; they are timeless mirrors of human wisdom. In the Markandeya Purana, we read of the mighty demons Madhu and Kaitabh, born of the dirt of Lord Vishnu's ears, who sought to destroy Brahma—the very embodiment of creativity. It was only through the grace of the Divine Mother and the efforts of Lord Vishnu that these demons were slain.

This allegory shines a profound light on our own lives. Madhu represents the sweetness of flattery and sycophancy—pleasant to hear, but poisonous to our creative spirit. Kaitabh symbolizes the hardness that creeps into us when we grow accustomed to censure. Together, they threaten to destroy our Brahma—our creativity, our originality, our ability to build anew.

It is here that the scriptures remind us: only through awakening the divine energy within (the Devi) and applying our conscious effort (Purusharth, the Lord Vishnu within us) can we conquer these inner demons. Let this Durga Puja be not just a celebration of the Goddess's victory over evil, but also an invitation for us to become better versions of ourselves. For as we grow better, so too does the world—because the world is but a reflection of what we are.

"Be the change you wish to see in the world," said Mahatma Gandhi. The more we refine ourselves, the more radiant the world becomes.

September, in this spirit of growth and striving, was a vibrant month at our school. The Samarthya Club brimmed with energy as sports team selections engaged students with passion and discipline. Our senior wing, too, has been working tirelessly—gearing up Grade 10 and 12 students with multiple academic initiatives, including a meaningful Parent–Teacher Meeting in the midst of the LOC process. These steps, like steady strokes on the canvas, prepare our learners for both board examinations and for life beyond.

As we enter this festive season, may we all carry the message of Durga Puja in our hearts—slaying the demons of falsehood and inertia, and nurturing the divinity of creativity, sincerity, and effort.

Wishing you all a joyous season of festivities and self-renewal!

With warm regards

A. Awasthi

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Dear Reader,

This is the second month we are preparing this newsletter. It has been a humbling yet gratifying experience as we are learning how the newsletter takes shape bit by bit from scratch. It is an evolution not only of the content but also of the people who work on it. Getting the topics, collecting details and then composing them in the form of what you read. Then comes the design part which is basically attached to the aesthetics. When it sees the light, we feel the wheel has come to the full circle.

This month has witnessed numerous interesting activities, out of which, some interesting ones have been picked for your reading. The teacher's day ushered the month which was later interspersed with several other incidents like the celebration of Hindi Diwas, the workshop on POCSO Act, Dussehra celebration, SOF exams and many more to count.

Each incident happening not only enthralls our senses, but also teaches several valuable lessons. We feel we are growing with this assignment that has fortunately come our way.

It's up to you now to read and give your valuable suggestions on how we can make it an even better publication.

Wishing you a happy reading,

Yours truly,
The Editorial Board
(Open Minds)

Celebrating TEACHERS' Day

Every movement, every monument, every milestone in human history has one common thread binding it together – the presence of a teacher somewhere in the background. Not always in the spotlight, rarely celebrated, and yet undeniably central to everything we are and hope to become.

On 5 September, 2025, our school corridors echoed with wishes, laughter, flowers and applause as we celebrated the very shapers of our mind and identity.



The students juxtaposed discipline and fun by their dance performances and other presentations. We celebrated our mentors with auspicious cake cutting ceremony












Happy
Teacher's
Day















Teachers' Day













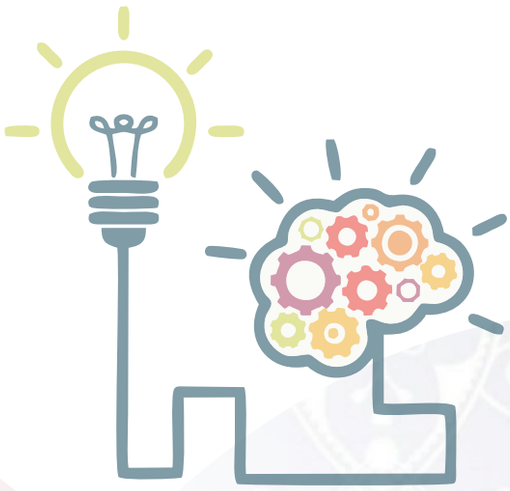




It was a day to cherish in the memories of both the teachers as well as their disciples. We also paid a rich tribute to great Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan whose birth anniversary is celebrated as the Teachers' Day for he was not only a great President of our republic, but also a distinguished teacher.




THANK
YOU
TEACHERS









PTM AND LOC SIGNING







Completing the CBSE registration process for Grades X and XII students, our school recently conducted the LOC signing activity when the parents and their wards both have to appear, check the records and sign on the registration form. Thus one more milestone in the journey to Board Exams has been successfully covered.

During this process, the students carefully verified their personal details, subject codes, spellings to avoid any discrepancies to be discovered later. Teachers and the members of school administration guided them throughout ensuring accuracy and clarity. It was a smooth sailing as parents with their wards walked down to the previously notified classrooms and completing the procedure under the watchful eyes of the staff. A few glimpses.

The Parent Teacher Meet conducted for fellow tenth and twelve graders resulted into serving as an essential conduit for constructive dialogue between teachers and parents. It provided a structured opportunity to review the students' academic performance, behavioural growth and holistic development in the imperative journey that awaits them ahead. The signing of LOC took them a step ahead and closer to their goal as they wait with baited breath. It shows the school's commitment of not leaving any student behind in the journey to academic excellence.

It was pleasing to see the students accompanied by their parents turning up, assessing their checked answer-sheets, discussing the areas they needed to further work upon for improvement. The sweet bond between the teachers and parents was palpable everywhere.









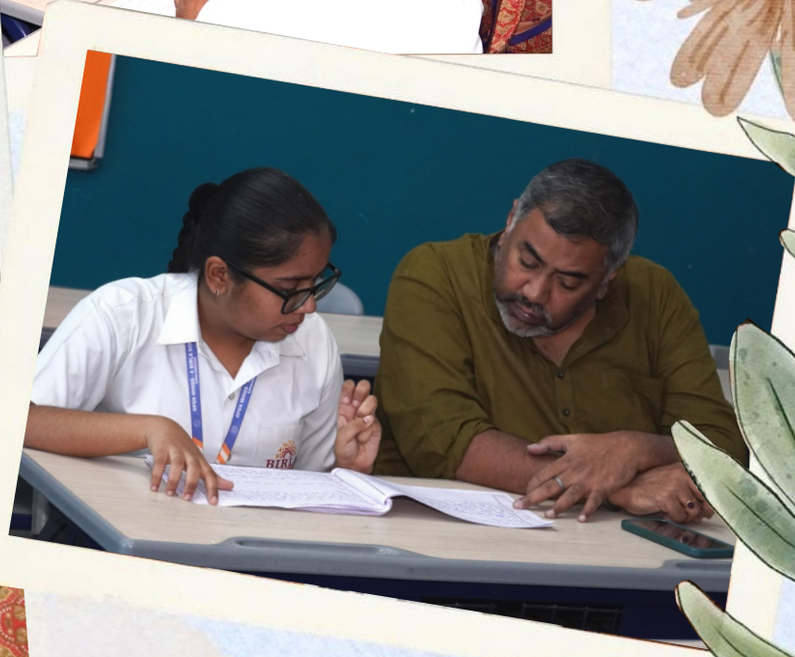
Parents Teachers Meeting











हिन्दी दिवस



Celebrated on 14 September every year, Hindi Diwas highlights the never-ending waves of the cultural diversity of our beloved nation. It is the day to acknowledge the significance of Hindi, our mother tongue, and the testimony to Indians being self-reliant.











From the young geniuses to the curious minds, everyone participated in activities like speech, poem recital, skit, painting contests and debates in order to honour the great language which connects India in one thread.
The way the performances shaped up, they, somewhere, showed how intense the love for our mother tongue is in every heart that belongs to it.
















हिंदी दिवस

















WORKSHOP BY EMINENT LAWYERS FOR AWARENESS ABOUT CHILD SAFETY



"Every child deserves a safe world and awareness is the key to build it." With this purposeful message, our school recently organized a workshop on 'Child Safety and POCSO Act Awareness'. It was led by an eminent advocate from the National Law University, Delhi for the students of Grade 9 and Grade 10.



The workshop shed light on children's rights, safety measures and the role of society in ensuring a secure environment for the young minds. The advocate helped the students understand the important takeaways of POCSO (Protection of Children under Sexual Offences) Act, 2012. Through interactive discussions and illustration, he highlighted the importance of speaking, reporting unsafe situations, and ensuring a safe environment for every child.

The workshop was highly informative and encouraged everyone to be more vigilant, reminding us that it is a shared duty, and awareness is the first step towards prevention.











ABOUT CHILD SAFETY



FOR AWARENESS













SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

The month of September this year has been special because of two important events - the upcoming 'Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi' on 2 October, and the 'Dussehra Celebrations' happening this very month.











The students prepared elaborately to pay their rich tribute to the Father of Nation on 2nd of October. A special assembly was organised to ruminate over the fact 'Whether Gandhi is still relevant today'. The children put their points across from different angles and quite convincingly. The departure of the month was marked memorable with celebrating the Narishakti in the form of Durga the Mother Goddess. Not only the students but also the teachers deliberated on how every woman is Durga. It was satisfying to see the presentations gradually reaching to a considerable benchmark.







Dussehra

The Victory of Good over Evil

Dussehra signifies the victory of good over evil. It talks of Mother Goddess' conquering Mahishasura and Lord Rama vanquishing Ravana after a prolonged battle.

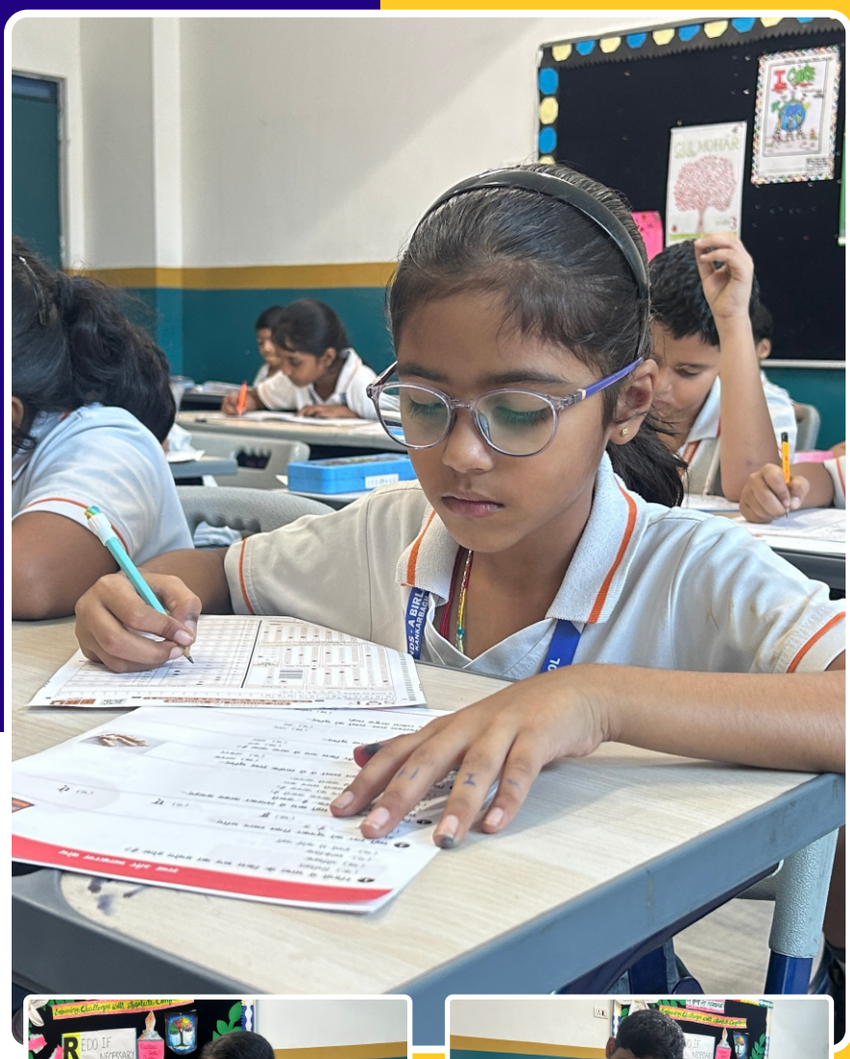


Thus Dussehra becomes a festival to guiding us to defeat the evil within and purify the soul. It represents India's diverse cultural heritage with vibrant processions, traditional dances, Ramlila enactments. Beyond its cultural impacts, Dussehra holds a symbolic value of encouraging introspection and battling inner demons for personal growth and righteousness. This week before the Vijayadashmi was marked by many colourful and interesting programmes from special assemblies to other stage performances. Have a look…

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD FOUNDATION EXAMINATION

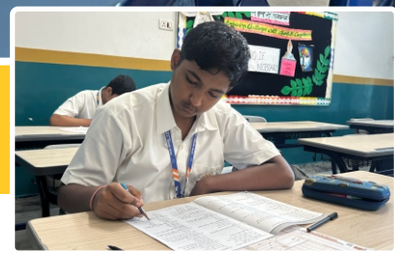
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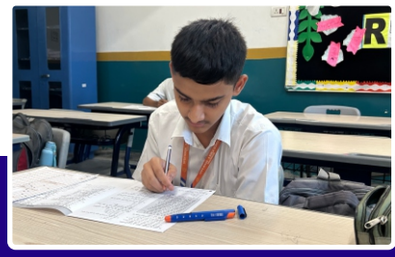
Every year, the 'Science Olympiad Foundation' provides an opportunity for students across schools to display their talent in their preferred subjects. It was a delight to observe our young leaders confidently taking the preparation and writing the assigned tests in their strides.



The most significant part was preparation which also included, registration, acquiring specified books and materials and practicing the suggested stuff. The one who stuck to the process in a proper way would have every chance to do well in the exams.







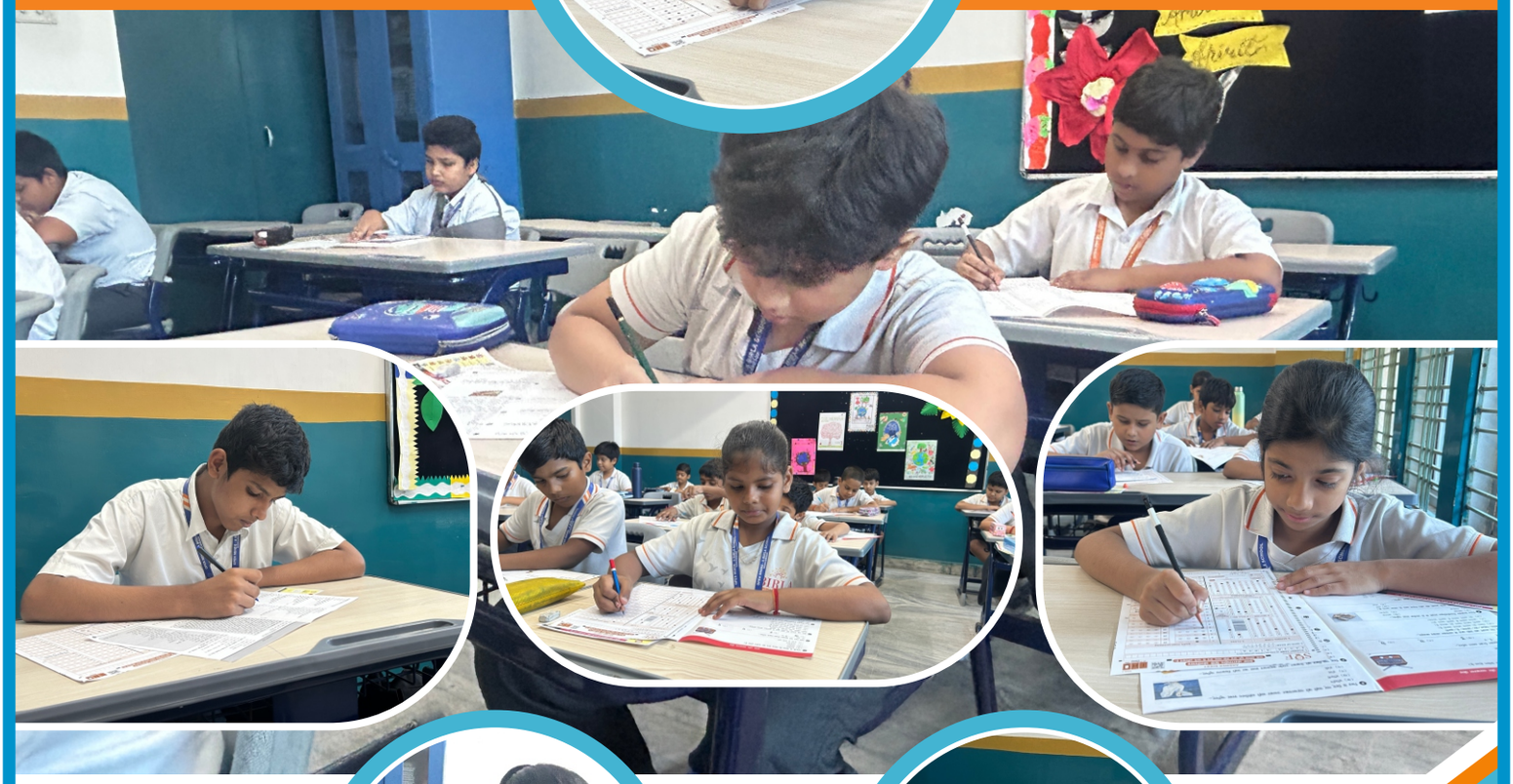


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Meritorious Students Shine in Mid Term Activity Clubs



The Mid Term Activity Clubs, designed to amplify the potential of students, showcased the power of collaborative efforts between students and teachers.



Four Clubs - Srijan Club, Samvid Club, Samvad Club, and Samarthya Club - celebrated the outstanding achievements of their members.
Medals and certificates were awarded to recognize and encourage students' hard work, dedication, and passion for growth. The awards acknowledged the students' commitment to excellence and reinforced the importance of nurturing diverse skills and talents.The school's efforts to nurture talent and excellence have truly paid off. Congratulations to all the meritorious students on their well-deserved recognition!







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Exceptional Performers of the Month

September 2025

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

for hardwork and dedication in training the students with their exceptional performance on Teachers' Day



Ms. Sakshi Singh



Ms. Sakshi Raj



Ms. Neha Kumari



Ms. Gayatri



Ms. Harshita Tejpal



Ms. Ankita Kumari

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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