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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Readers,

There are some lessons that cannot be taught by writing them on a blackboard. They have to be lived. Perhaps this is why a school year is so much more than a sequence of lessons, examinations and activities. Somewhere between a child's laughter, a moment of hesitation, an attempt that does not go right, and the courage to try once again, education quietly does its deepest work.This month, I found myself thinking about this while watching our children participate in the Independence Day celebrations. For the adults, Independence Day carries the weight of history. For a child, however, freedom begins with something much simpler—the freedom to stand, to speak, to participate, to make a choice and gradually learn to take responsibility for that choice.That morning, as our children spoke, performed and participated, I was reminded that the spirit of independence is not only something we celebrate as a nation. It is something we must cultivate within every child. A child must eventually learn to stand on his or her own feet. But before a child can stand firmly, the child must first be allowed to stumble. This thought returned to me during our Rainy Day Celebration for the Pre-Primary children.For our little ones, the rain was not merely weather. It was an invitation to wonder. There was excitement in every drop, curiosity in every activity and an uncomplicated joy in simply experiencing the world. We sometimes become so concerned about what children must learn that we forget how naturally they learn when they are allowed to experience. Perhaps education begins here—not by filling the child's mind, but by keeping alive the child's natural desire to look at the world and say, "Tell me more." This is one of the beautiful ideas that runs through Tagore's vision of education: childhood should not be separated from life.For some children, examinations bring confidence. For others, they bring nervousness. Both are natural. What matters is what we teach a child to do with that feeling. We can remove every difficult situation from a child's path, or we can stand beside the child and say, "Prepare yourself. Face it. Do your best. And whatever the result, learn from it." There is a quiet strength in this approach. A child who gets everything easily may never discover the extent of his or her own strength. But a child who faces a difficult paper, makes mistakes, receives a result that may not be as expected, and then sits down to improve has learnt something far more enduring than the answer to a question.The child has learnt to rise. And perhaps this is the deeper meaning of our annual theme, "Resonating Resilience with Absolute Confidence." Resilience does not mean that a child will never feel afraid. Confidence does not mean that a child will never fail. It means that somewhere within the child there develops a quiet voice that says: I may find this difficult, but I will try. I may make a mistake, but I can learn. I may fall short today, but I can rise tomorrow.Let us not be too quick to solve every problem for our children. Let us not make every disappointment disappear. Let us not measure their worth only through marks. Let us instead give them what every growing child needs: love that gives security, boundaries that give direction, responsibility that gives strength, and freedom that teaches them to stand on their own.Our task is not to ensure that those examinations are easy. Our task is to prepare the child to face them. And perhaps, when that day comes, we shall hear within that grown child the same quiet message: "उत्तिष्ठ" —Arise with confidence, with character and with the resilience to move forward.

Sincerely,

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Dear Readers,

August unfolds with a vibrant blend of celebration, purpose, and academic endeavour. The month brought with it an inspiring spirit of camaraderie, dedication and achievement, as our campus came alive with meaningful experiences and memorable milestones. From the resonant patriotic fervour of our Independence Day celebrations to the many platforms that encouraged students to express, explore, and excel, August truly reflected the dynamic spirit of our school community.

Leadership and service took centre stage as the newly elected Student Council and Editorial Board solemnly pledged their commitment during the Investiture Ceremony, embracing their roles with pride and responsibility. Our diverse club activities, special assemblies, competitions, and the student-led Viksit Bharat Quiz provided enriching opportunities for students to demonstrate creativity, analytical acumen, teamwork, and confidence. Each endeavour echoed our commitment to nurturing learners who are curious in thought, confident in expression, and responsible in action.

As the month draws to a close, our focus transitions gracefully towards academic excellence. With the Mid-Term Examinations on the horizon, students have demonstrated commendable diligence through practice tests and viva examinations, transforming preparation into a meaningful journey of self-evaluation, perseverance, and growth.

May this edition serve as a testament to the passion, discipline, resilience, and unity that define our school community. We invite you to turn these pages and relive the vibrant moments, proud achievements, and cherished milestones that made August a month to remember.

Yours sincerely,
The Editorial Team



LEGACY

AMBITION

DISCOVERY

SPIRIT

Investiture Ceremony

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The Investiture Ceremony at our school unfolded as a graceful celebration of leadership, responsibility, and service. It was a moment of immense pride as the newly elected Student Council members were ceremoniously invested with their badges and solemnly pledged to uphold their responsibilities with sincerity, integrity, and dedication in the presence of the Almighty.

The members of the Editorial Board were also honoured with their badges, marking the beginning of their commitment to giving voice to the school community through creativity, thoughtful expression, and meaningful communication.





"We are what our thoughts have made us; so take care about what you think." — Swami Vivekananda

LIGHTING



LAMP







The ceremony was beautifully enriched by a vibrant array of presentations, including a soulful prayer, a mesmerising dance performance, melodious musical renditions and the dignified Leaders' March. Each presentation added a unique dimension to the occasion and reflected the values of unity, discipline, confidence, and aspiration.







"You must be the change you wish to see in the world." — Mahatma Gandhi

WELCOME DANCE













"Arise, awake, and stop not till the goal is reached." — Swami Vivekananda









PINNING THE BADGES





"Leadership is not a badge we wear; it is a responsibility we carry." — Anonymous







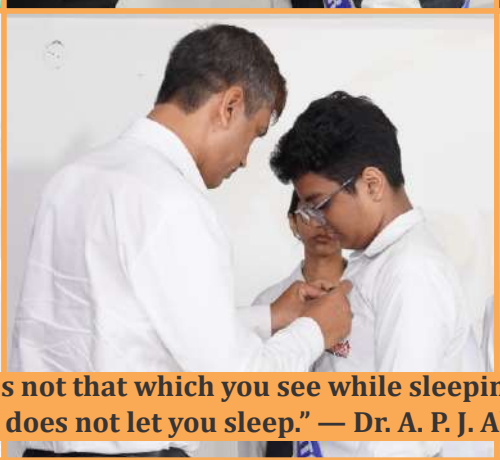













**"A dream is not that which you see while sleeping;
it is something that does not let you sleep." — Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam**







The ceremony served as a powerful reminder that true leadership is not merely about holding a position, but about embracing responsibility, inspiring others, and leading by example. As the young leaders stepped forward with confidence, they embarked on a meaningful journey of service, integrity, and excellence.

The Investiture Ceremony was, therefore, not merely the beginning of a tenure; it was the beginning of a journey—one that calls upon every young leader to serve with humility, lead with courage and strive to make a positive difference in the school community.













"Excellence is a continuous process and not an accident." — Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

SAMARTHYA

















"Clubs are where passions become purpose and dreams find direction." — Anonymous

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"Believe in your potential; the strength to achieve begins with the courage to try." - Anonymous

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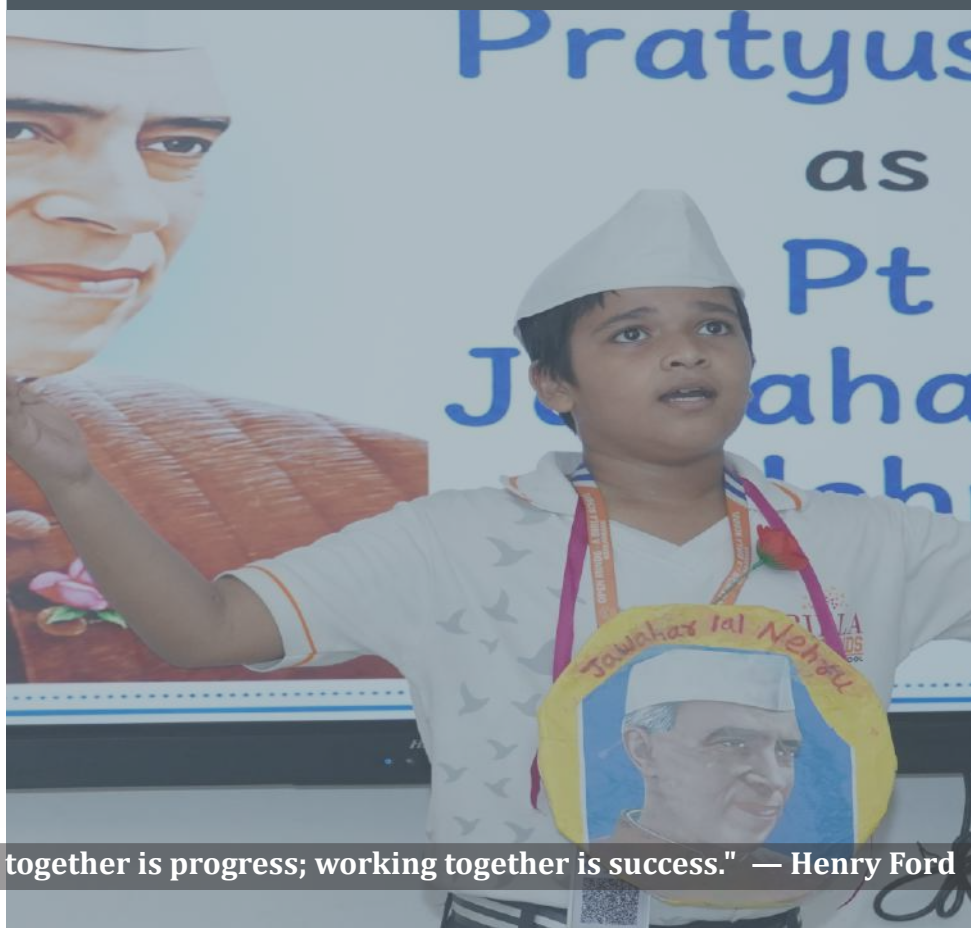












"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." — Henry Ford

SAMVAD







When we listen with understanding and speak with kindness, dialogue becomes the beginning of change." - Anonymous

SAMVID





True harmony begins when we understand not only what others say, but also what they feel." - Anonymous

SRIJAN















"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team." — Phil Jackson



The announcement of the Viksit Bharat Quiz sparked great enthusiasm and anticipation among the students. The first round for Grades 6 and 7 was held on 11 August, followed by Grades 8 and 9 on 12 August in the ICT Lab. Students faced 10 brain-teasing questions that tested not only their knowledge but also their conceptual understanding and logical thinking. As they sat before their screens, the quiet lab was filled with nervousness, excitement, and anticipation.

Four students from each grade were selected for the final round. The second round turned up the energy with three stages — the Buzzer, Visual, and Audio Rounds. The buzzer round had 60 questions, while the visual round challenged students to identify personalities from portions of their images. The audio round put their recognition skills to the test as they identified famous personalities through their voices. Every point made a difference and making the quiz even more special, all the rounds were prepared by the council members themselves.

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

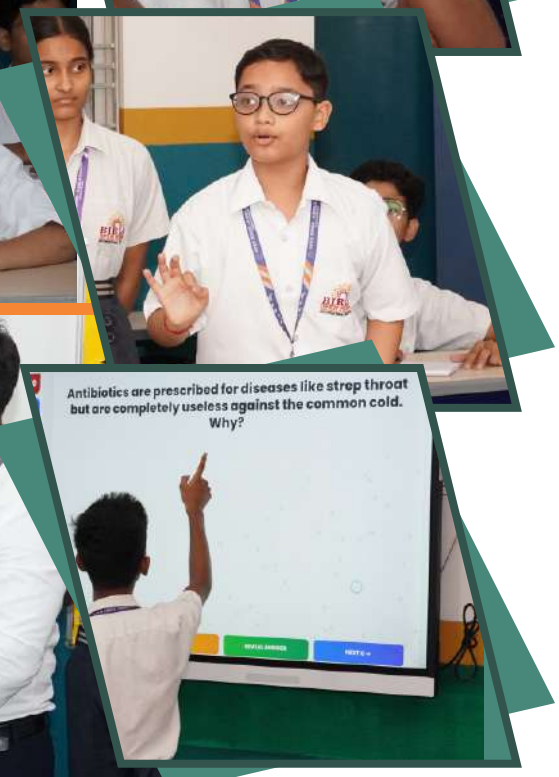


















"Viksit Bharat is not just a goal, it is a mission we create together for generations to come." — N. R. Narayana Murthy

80th INDEPENDENCE DAY



15th August is a day that evokes immense patriotism, nationalism and a deep sense of responsibility towards our nation. This year, at OMK, the occasion felt even more special as the Tiranga soared high and an exuberant march brought the entire school community together in a magnificent celebration of India's freedom.

OMK has been celebrating Independence Day for the past 13 years with unwavering passion and enthusiasm and each year seems to surpass the previous one. This year was no exception. Students participated in various activities and performances with wholehearted dedication, confidence, and pride, making the celebration truly memorable and setting a new benchmark of excellence.

The hoisting of the National Flag was an indelible moment for everyone present. The vivacious marchers proudly saluted the Indian Flag, led by their respective House Captains and Vice Captains. Patriotic songs, inspiring speeches and soulful poems filled the air, leaving students and teachers beaming with a profound sense of national pride.

Students across all grades enthusiastically participated in painting competitions, quizzes, monologues, and several other engaging activities. The winners were felicitated with merits and certificates, adding to the spirit of healthy competition and celebration.

As the celebration drew to a close, the powerful chants of “Vande Mataram” and “Jai Hind” echoed throughout the school, filling every heart with pride and reminding us of our collective responsibility to uphold the values of our great nation.



“A nation's culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of its people.” — *Mahatma Gandhi*









"If you want to shine like a sun, first burn like a sun." — Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam













"You cannot cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water." — Rabindranath Tagore











"A leader must have the courage to act against an expert's advice." — James Callaghan















"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." — John F. Kennedy













“The price of greatness is responsibility.” — Winston Churchill



















"A Nukkad Natak doesn't just entertain—it awakens minds and inspires action." -Anonymous





















"One step, one rhythm, one spirit—together, we march towards excellence." -Anonymous



RESPECTING DIFFERENCES

10 OMEGA











Respect begins when we stop judging differences and start appreciating them.









10 OMICRON

CLIMATE CHANGE





Let's change our habits before climate change changes our lives."



10 SIGMA







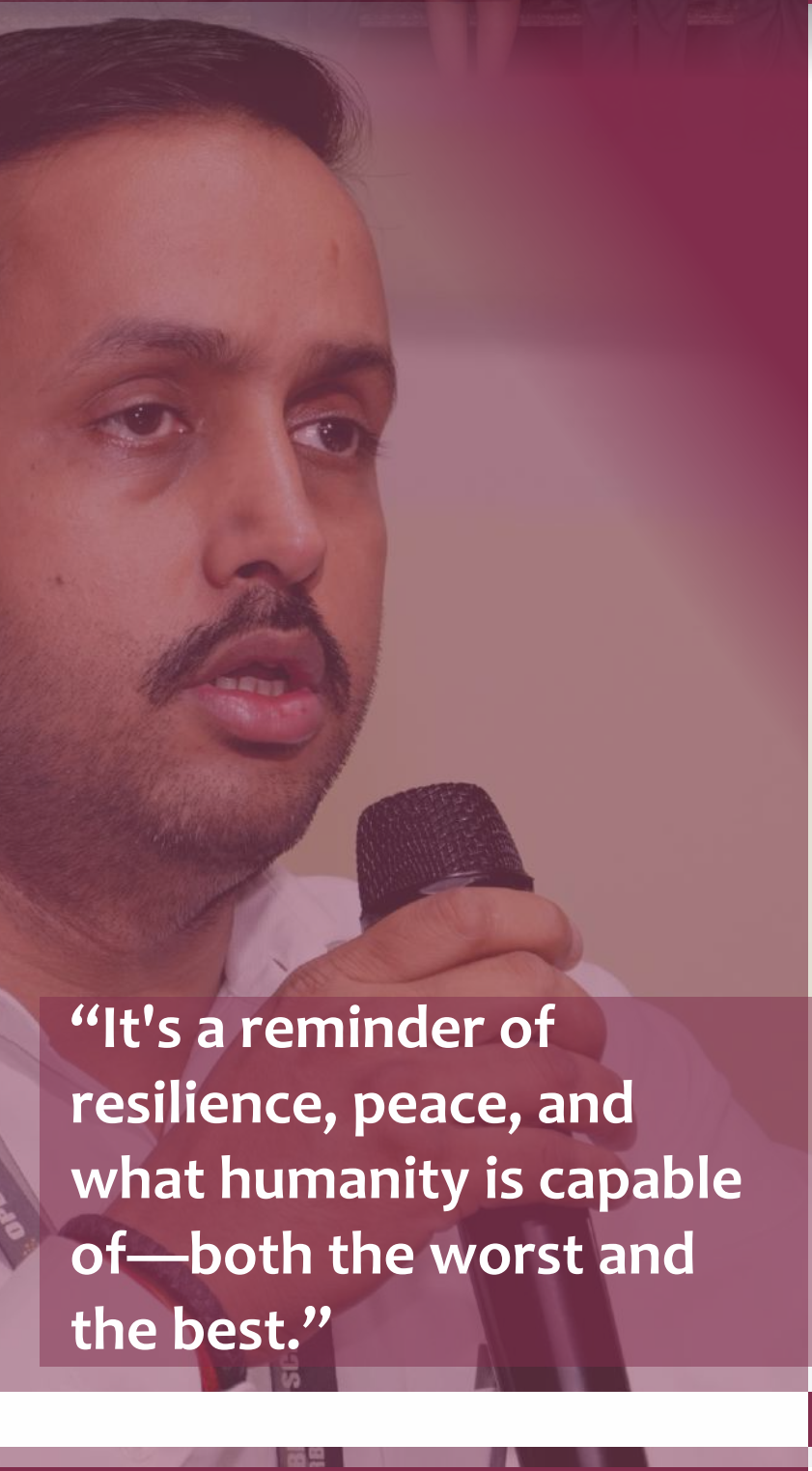












"It's a reminder of resilience, peace, and what humanity is capable of—both the worst and the best."





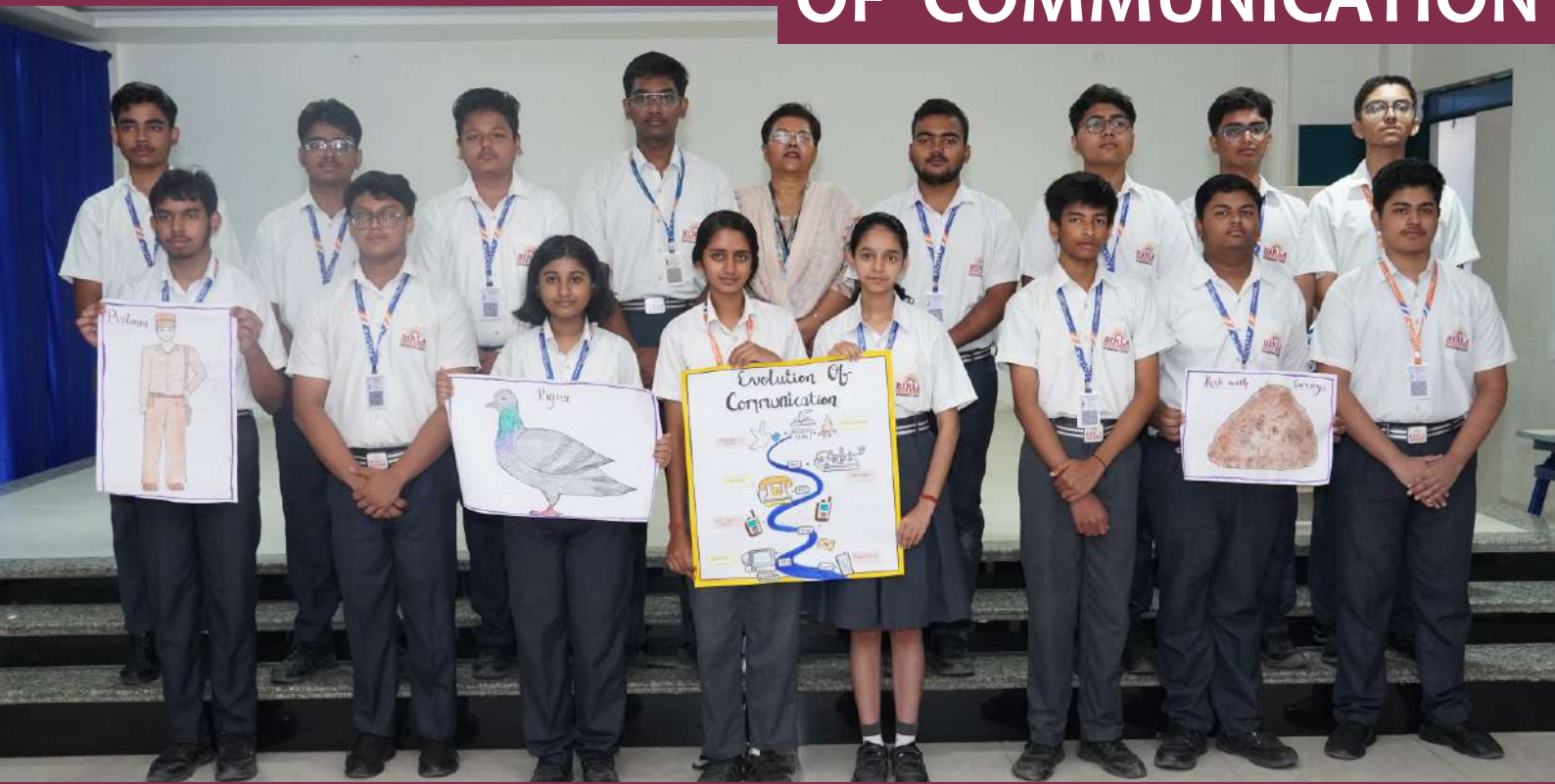





10 ZETA




EVOLUTION OF COMMUNICATION



"Humanity's greatest journey may not be across land or sea, but across the ways we have learned to communicate."



CYBER BULLYING

9 DELTA





"Use technology to connect, not to hurt; to empower, not to intimidate."





VOTING AND DEMOCRACY























"A strong democracy begins with informed citizens and responsible choices."



9 OMICRON












THE SCIENCE OF HAPPINESS

"Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." — Abraham Lincoln



9 ZETA















ETHICS, VALUE AND CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY





"The time is always right to do what is right."— Martin Luther King Jr.














CLIMATE ACTION AT SCHOOL AND HOME





"The Earth is what we all have in common." — Wendell Berry





SOCIAL MEDIA HAS KILLED FACE-TO-FACE CONVERSATION

"The most important thing in communication is hearing what isn't said." — Peter Drucker



THIS DAY IN HISTORY

8 SIGMA














"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." — George Santayana

CAN WARS EVER BE JUSTIFIED ETHICALLY?



"There never was a good war or a bad peace." — Benjamin Franklin



Empowering Young Minds: Special Assembly on Nasha Mukti Abhiyan

A special assembly on Nasha Mukti Abhiyan was organised by the Brahma Kumaris for the students of Grades 8 and 9, with the aim of creating awareness about the harmful effects of substance abuse and inspiring young minds to make healthy, responsible and informed choices.

The session provided students with meaningful insights into the physical, emotional, mental and social consequences of addiction. Through engaging interactions and thought-provoking messages, the students were encouraged to understand that true strength lies in self-control, positive choices and the courage to say “No” to addiction. The speakers emphasized the importance of developing a strong sense of self-worth, maintaining healthy relationships, choosing positive company and channelising energy towards constructive pursuits. The students were also sensitized to the role they can play in building a healthier and addiction-free society by becoming responsible individuals and spreading awareness among their peers and communities.

As a meaningful culmination of the initiative, the students took a solemn pledge to stay away from intoxicating substances, make healthy choices and contribute towards creating a safe, healthy and addiction-free society. The collective pledge reflected their commitment to embracing a positive lifestyle and inspiring others to do the same.

The assembly served as a powerful reminder that prevention begins with awareness and transformation begins with a conscious choice. It encouraged students to value their health, protect their future, and become ambassadors of a life free from addiction.

The insightful session left the students with a renewed sense of responsibility and a powerful message: “Say Yes to Life, Say No to Addiction.”





"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." — Nelson Mandela



CIRCLE TIME

At OMK, every morning begins with laughter, movement, and creativity as our youngest learners come together for their much-loved Circle Time. Conducted daily during the Homeroom period before the commencement of academics, this engaging routine helps children begin their day with energy, enthusiasm, and a strong sense of belonging.

Each day brings a new and exciting activity, ranging from Zumba, Dance, Songs and Yoga to Treasure Hunts, Pass the Parcel, Rhyme Time and much more. These thoughtfully planned activities provide children with opportunities to strengthen their coordination, develop teamwork, build confidence and foster meaningful connections with their peers and teachers.

Whether it is the lively rhythm of a dance, the tranquillity of yoga, or the thrill of a treasure hunt, Circle Time nurtures both the body and the mind. It provides children with a joyful space to express themselves freely, build friendships, develop essential social and motor skills and learn the value of cooperation—all while having fun.

More than just a morning routine, Circle Time has blossomed into a cherished tradition for the youngest learners at OMK, reflecting the school's commitment to holistic and joyful learning. By seamlessly blending play with purpose, it ensures that every child enters the classroom with a refreshed spirit, a cheerful smile and an eager heart, ready to embark on the day's learning journey.

Through these moments of shared joy and discovery, Circle Time transforms the beginning of each school day into an experience filled with connection, creativity and countless opportunities to learn.



"Children are not things to be moulded, but people to be unfolded." — Jess Lair

MID-TERM EXAMINATIONS











"Exams are a way to show what you have learned." — Anonymous

The month of August brought a wonderful blend of enthusiasm and focused learning across the school. As the Mid-Term Examinations drew closer, the campus came alive with a renewed sense of purpose, with students engaged in last-minute revisions, discussions, and preparatory assessments. Their hard work, perseverance, and dedication were evident in the confidence with which they approached each stage of the assessment process.

To ensure thorough preparation, students participated in Practice Tests, Viva Assessments, and finally, the Mid-Term Examinations. This well-structured, three-step approach encouraged students to revise consistently rather than rely on last-minute preparation. The Practice Tests and Viva Assessments acted as valuable checkpoints, helping students identify areas of improvement, bridge knowledge gaps and strengthen their understanding of key concepts.

Beyond testing academic knowledge, the process encouraged students to develop essential qualities such as discipline, time management, consistency and self-confidence. Each assessment became an opportunity for them to reflect on their learning, overcome challenges and prepare themselves for the next level.

Finally, the much-awaited Mid-Term Examinations arrived, providing our young learners with an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge, preparation and perseverance. With determination and confidence, our students rose to the occasion and put forth a commendable performance.















"Exams test your knowledge, but your attitude determines your altitude." — Zig Ziglar

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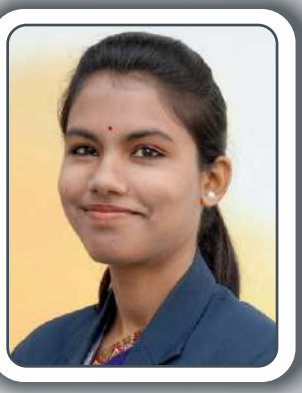
EXCEPTIONAL
PERFORMER
OF THE MONTH



Poonam Verma



Shatish Kumar



Saakshi Darshana

for your constant mentoring and thoughtful guidance of the students, which brought out the grace, confidence and finesse in the Samvad Club presentation.