



Gyan Buzz...

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DISCOVER THE joy OF LEARNING



From The Principal's Desk, ..

Dear Readers,

Though February and March are months in which we focus largely on academic work, Shreeyans have continued with their participation in co-curricular events. Striking a balance is important and we should encourage them to do so, both in school and at home.

As we start a new academic session in April, we hope we will receive some feedback on the newsletter from our readers.

Best Wishes,
Brinda Ghosh
Principal

Editorial...

CHARITY: THE ACT OF GIVING OR THE ACT OF RECEIVING?

***'It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.'* – Mother Teresa.**

'Charity'. What does this word mean to you? Usually what it refers to is helping those in need by providing them with certain resources. Charity is an extremely humanising act and is very beneficial for the underprivileged who require the most basic resources to sustain life. The term charity seems perfect on paper, crafted particularly for the bourgeois of today to capitalise off these "good deeds".

Charity is a pure act. In its essence, the act of giving is supposed to be the purest act: one that comes from the heart with no ulterior motives. However, charity loses its purpose when it is done with intentions that seem to benefit the giver. For example, when we donate clothes or give money to economically and socially backward kids to receive blessings on our birthday, it is rather pretentious. Why does one need a certain occasion or event to help others? The act of charity should be done solely for the benefit of those we are giving to, but, recently it has become a ploy to gain followers, attention or votes.

In a generation where we come across posts on social media of an influencer handing out clothes and money to homeless people, with a camera with him everywhere he goes, it is hard to believe that the act has been done out of respect and a need to serve.

A society only progresses when the privileged sector realise their responsibility towards their own society and take initiatives to bring change. It is important to realise that you have not been put on this planet to attend to your own needs and focus on earning money for the sake of your own success, because the world is bigger than just you. When one has the resources and time to reach out and make a prominent change, why should they not?

So, my dear Shreeyans, realise that your role in society is just as prominent as any other, and give back to the environment that has nurtured you. Do not give back just for the sake of recognition and applause, but give back in silence because you want to.

ASHREYA SINGH
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Pre – Primary Wing

FUN ACTIVITIES TO BUILD FINE MOTOR SKILLS

Building fine motor skills is very important in the early years of childhood. There were a few activities planned for the Shreeyans of the Pre-Primary Wing for the same. Shreeyans of Pre-Nursery enjoyed 'Stringing the Beads' activity, Shreeyans of Nursery did the 'Lacing' activity to form different patterns. The Shreeyans of Kindergarten did various activities, like 'Pea-Pod Shelling', 'Orange Peeling' and an activity with 'Pegs'. All these activities help in the strengthening the muscles, mainly the thumb and index finger and as a result of this developing the 'pincer grip'.



STORY TELLING ACTIVITY

"The best way to teach people is by telling a story". Early school years are an important time for vocabulary building and language development, particularly speaking skills as well as building confidence. Shreeyans of Nursery and KG had an interesting class activity in which they narrated their favorite stories in English using appropriate props. All the Shreeyans participated with great enthusiasm and also enjoyed listening to stories narrated by their classmates.



SHOW AND TELL ACTIVITY

The Shreeyans of Pre-Nursery had a Show and Tell activity for black colour. The children talked about any black object of their choice in one or two short sentences. All the Shreeyans enjoyed the speaking activity.



THEMATIC LEARNING

The theme for the month of February was 'Birds and Water Animals'. Various activities were conducted and different crafts were made for the same, throughout the Pre-Primary Wing. Shreeyans of Pre-Nursery made a star-fish using techniques of finger printing and pasting and recapitulated the shape 'star'.

Shreeyans of Nursery made an owl with hand prints and pasting. This craft was integrated with number 10. A bird was made by pasting shapes - triangle and circles. This also involved the cognitive concept of 'seriation'. Freehand drawing was done as a follow up of the story 'The Rainbow Fish'.

Shreeyans of Kindergarten made a beautiful bird, a macaw, by pasting different shapes. Paper folding technique and the cognitive concept 'seriation' was involved. They also made a shark with its sharp triangle-shaped teeth with newspaper, encouraging them to create 'best out of waste'.

Apart from this a 'Show and Tell' Activity about Birds and Water Animals was also done. All songs selected for 'Movement and Dance' and some Yoga poses were also connected to the Theme.



THE FESTIVAL OF COLOURS - HOLI

The day at the Pre-Primary started with rhymes and songs on 'Holi'. The significance of this festival was explained via a PPT followed by class discussions about playing a 'safe' Holi. The Shreeyans enjoyed making different crafts: Pre-Nursery made a 'pichkari' by pasting different shapes; Shreeyans of Nursery made a 'Holi' card using spray painting and pasting colourful pichkari and borders; Shreeyans of KG painted broad stripes of different colours on a sheet as a background and then used dark oil pastels to draw themselves and their friends playing Holi. The day ended with happy and excited Shreeyans, eager to play Holi.



PRE-PRIMARY FORM MORNING

It can be better than watching your child grow and see his/her little steps moving towards the next level in their life. 1 March 2023 was one such special day, where all parents saw their little ones performing on stage. It was the morning for the Pre-Primary classes.

The children of Pre-Nursery and Nursery presented an adaptation of a popular children's story 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. The learning from this story was - We should take care of our belongings and use things properly and not waste them. Kindergarten presented their own adaptation of the story 'The Mixed-Up Chameleon' by Eric Carle. The value conveyed through this story that 'The world is full of people with different shapes and colours but we should be happy as who we are' resonated with the audience. The dances, choreography and both story presentations were a total 'in-house' production. It was a delight to see such a joyful and energetic presentation by the Pre-Primary Shreeyans. Our little Shreeyans' performance was amazing, surpassing all expectations. The cheering and applause of the overwhelmed parents echoed in the whole Amphitheatre.



Lower Primary Wing

ABHIMANCH 2022-23 GRADE I

"It's not magic that takes us to another world. It's storytelling" - Val McDermid.

Form Morning the Annual Show of Grade I was held on 24th February, 2023 amidst an atmosphere of fun and festivity. The Chief Guest for the morning was Mr O.P Sagar. The event commenced with the auspicious lamp lighting ceremony and invoking the blessings of Goddess Saraswati as the School Amphitheatre reverberated with the strains of 'Saraswati Vandana', sung by the Lower Primary choir., The school choir also impressed the audience with their soulful rendition of 'Beautiful Day', which set the tone for the day.

The Principal, Mrs. Brinda Ghosh, addressed the audience and apprised them about the laurels won by Shreeyans and School.

With the objective of sensitising Shreeyans about the scientific reasons behind celebrating festivals. The 'in-house' theatre production 'MINIONS' SOJOURN IN INDIA' traced India's rich traditions and significance of the rituals that are followed while celebrating various harvest festivals. An ingenuous blend of different forms of folk dances representing festivals like Pongal, Bihu, Uttarayan, Sankranti and Lohri created a beautiful cultural tapestry, as 200 students performed and won the hearts of the audience.

The exhilarating cultural extravaganza was an unforgettable experience and left a lasting impression on the minds of the audience, as the play educated about the great opportunities these festivals offer to people by being carriers of peace and joy in the communities.

After all, it is rightly said that, "Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later."



ABHIMANCH 2022-23 GRADE II

Tell me the facts and I'll learn. Tell me the truth and I'll believe. But tell me a story and it will live in my heart forever - Anonymous

The Shreeyans of Grade II, Lower Primary Wing, Gyanshree School, Noida presented their Annual Day, Abhimanch-VII Form Evening 2022-23 on February 24, 2023. The event commenced with the auspicious lamp lighting ceremony and invoking the blessings of Goddess Saraswati as the School Amphitheatre reverberated with the strains of 'Saraswati Vandana', sung by the Lower Primary choir. The choir also impressed the audience with their soulful rendition of 'Swaagat Gaan' welcoming one and all to the show.

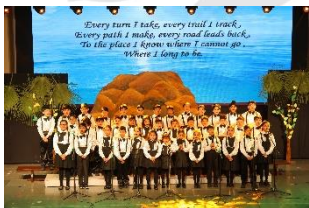
The Chief Guest of the evening was Dr. Poonam Bewtra, Professor of Economics in the Department of Commerce, Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi. She appreciated and applauded the performance of the young Shreeyans and was taken up by their level of confidence.

The Principal addressed the gathering and apprised them about the laurels won by Shreeyans and school.

Communique - the Annual report of the Lower Primary Wing, read by the Shreeyans of Grades II, gave the audience a glimpse of the events and activities of the entire session.

The main attraction of the evening was the theatre production '**ALI BABA AND THE FORTY THIEVES**' - an intriguing tale from The Arabian Nights. The budding actors impressed the spectators with their effortless enactment of the Persian story. The 'in-house' dance - drama production displayed skills and the talents of the Shreeyans.

The presentation was followed by the alluring Song 'How far I'll Go' and the programme concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by one of the Shreeyans.



END OF THE SESSION CELEBRATIONS

In order to mark the end of the Session 2022-23 in a fun way, the Lower Primary wing celebrated the bond between the Shreeyans and Shreegurus by organizing class parties wherein the Shreeyans danced and sang their hearts out! Vibrant laughter and enthusiastic vibes made the day worth thousands of memories.



Upper Primary Wing

UPPER PRIMARY ANNUAL SHOW

The Upper Primary Wing of Gyanshree School hosted its annual show, 'Form Morning' for Grades IV and V and 'Form Evening' for Grades III and V, on 28th February 2023.

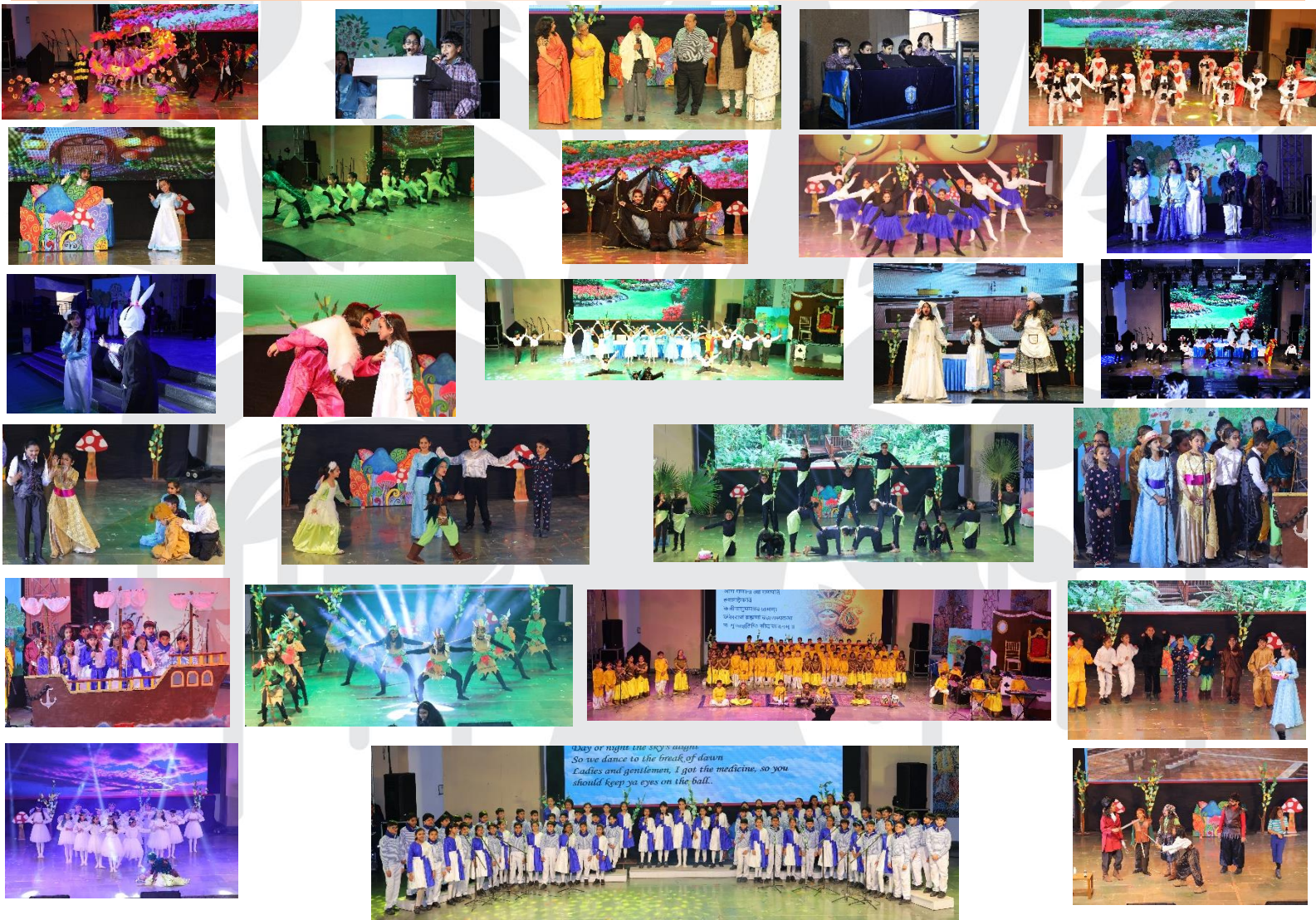
Form Morning commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Principal - Mrs Brinda Ghosh, the Vice Principal – Mrs Amita Bajpai and Form Evening commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Guest of Honour Padma Shri Gurcharan Singh, Members of the Executive Committee, Mrs Rita Kapoor - the founder director of the school and Mr Pradeep Srivastava, the Principal, the Vice Principal and other esteemed dignitaries. The blessings of Goddess Saraswati and Goddess Durga was invoked by the chanting of the Saraswati Vandana and a soulful rendition of the stotram - 'Aai Giri Nandini', by the Upper Primary choir.

Our honourable Principal addressed the august gathering and apprised them about the laurels won by the Shreeyans and the school. It offered a deep insight into the wide array of teaching pedagogies and activities undertaken by the Shreegurus.

The highlight of the morning was a theatrical staging of the renowned classic 'Peter Pan' - a visual and a musical delight that enthralled the audience.

The pinnacle of the evening was a theatrical staging of the renowned classic 'Alice in Wonderland' - a visual and a musical delight that left the audience spellbound.

This was followed by a musical performance that was presented by the School Choir who gave voice to the inspirational song - 'Dynamite' by BTS and the theme song of the 2022 FIFA World Cup - 'Dreamers'. The events culminated on a high note with the presentation of the vote of thanks and the singing of the National Anthem.



Secondary Wing

GRAND SLAM DAY

***'Health is a state of complete harmony of the body, mind and spirit.'* – B.K.S. IYENGAR**

Physical fitness is not only one of the most important keys to a healthy body, it is the basis of dynamic and creative intellectual activity. Gyanshree School celebrated its Grand Slam Day on 3rd February, 2023. The school playground reverberated with energy and excitement as Shreeyans geared up to participate in various sports events and cheer for their houses.

The day started with a March past, each house led by their captains, symbolizing camaraderie, cooperation and collaboration. This was followed by Yoga – Agni house performed standing asanas, Aakash house performed sitting asanas, Jal house prone asanas, Vayu house twisting asanas and Prithvi house supine asanas. At Gyanshree, Yoga is an intrinsic part of the school curriculum and helps develop mindfulness and self-regulation.

The students also competed in various other events, which included 100 metre, 200 metre, and 400 metre races, Long Jump and Shot Put. Inter House Relay Race for Boys and Girls in the Junior and Senior Category was the highlight of the day.

It was truly a delight to watch the adults participate in Races and Relays. The tug of war between Shreeyans and Shreegurus was a fun event, enjoyed by all. Shreeyans were also given a demonstration of archery to promote it as a new sport at Gyanshree.

The Principal, Mrs. Brinda Ghosh congratulated the winners and presented them with medals and certificates. In her address, she highlighted the need to work on our overall health and develop a sound body and mind.



School News

A VISIT TO THE BOOK FAIR

“Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary.” – JIM ROHN.

Books play a significant role in the life of every individual. A magical world full of creativity, books fuel up a reader's imagination and make people adaptive to new ideas. To bring the joy of reading into the lives of our Shreeyans, Gyanshree has a well-equipped library with a wide variety of books. To add to our vast collection of books, Shreegurus from the Primary and Secondary Wing visited the World Book Fair at Pragati Maidan and purchased critically acclaimed and popular books from different genres. We endeavour to encourage children to inculcate reading as a habit and reap the numerous benefits that come with it.



GRAND SLAM 2022-23

Sports are an essential part of the school curriculum. They contribute to the physical and mental development of the students. Annual sports event- Grand slam Primary wing was held on 16th March 2023. Principal Ms. Brinda Ghosh and Vice Principal Ms. Amita Bajpai and Dr Bansal, the sports director declared the sports meet open by releasing colourful balloons. The field was full of energy of the excited students, teachers and coaches. The colourful house flags added to the bonhomie.

The specialized Yoga poses showcased strength, balance and flexibility of the talented Shreeyans of grade III to V. This was followed by class wise drill by students of grades I to V with their whole heart and mind. The event ended with races of different kinds which built sportsmanship, leadership, unity, competitive spirit among the Shreeyans. This day is marked with great joy of discovering the inner talent of a child in the field of sports and games.



CBSE - CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP

Teachers need to assess their own skills from time to time and find teaching strategies that work best with different student groups. To enhance the skills of teachers, CBSE organised a 'Capacity Building Programme' at Gyanshree School. 42 teachers from different schools of Delhi-NCR participated in the workshop. The topic of the training session was 'Learning Outcomes and Pedagogy'. Through interactive hands on activities teachers were provided with guidelines to plan their lessons keeping individual needs of students in mind. In this fast evolving world, teachers need to keep themselves updated and constantly innovate.



VALUE OF THE MONTH **HAPPINESS**

Be grateful for everyone you have not everything you have.

There's nothing more unpredictable than life itself. I believe all situations we face in life are like the sides of a dice. It's about our perspective towards it. The same applies in life too. We can spend this unreliable journey with a big smile on our face or with a heavy heart. It is obvious that many choose happiness over sadness. But you may find many who stop trying and sit back after facing an unavoidable path of life. But hey, this is a long journey! Instead of feeling sad and hopeless, fasten your seatbelts in this 'journey of the unknown'.

All you have to do is simply focus on the positive side of the world. A world where everything gets better with time and you finally get your 'happily ever afters'. You shall achieve all this just by waking up every morning and enjoying every single moment, and living it to the fullest, instead of wishing for it to be the fullest.

Living in this materialistic world many try to find happiness in worldly things like money, not realizing that it's temporary and all that will matter in the end is their happiness and if they had a meaningful life or not. So find your meaning in life, find your source of happiness and together let's celebrate the happiness and live the rest of our lives with a big smile.



OSHI SINGH
VIII



BOOK RECOMMENDATION

AND THEN THERE WERE NONE BY AGATHA CHRISTIE

I just finished reading a wonderful book! 'And Then There Were None' is a mystery thriller written by one of the most famous authors of all time, Agatha Christie.

It is a must read for those who enjoy reading mystery thrillers and is a good book for teens as well as adults.

The plot is set in a mansion on a private island off the coast of Devon, where ten unrelated people are invited via a mysterious letter from an unknown host for a seemingly 'harmless' vacation. All that the guests have in common is a wicked past they're unwilling to reveal, for each has been marked for murder. A famous nursery rhyme called "Ten Little Soldier Boys" hangs in every room of the mansion. Suddenly, the guests start dying according to the order of the rhyme. Fear strikes, and a big question arises- Who is behind this deadly scheme, and who will remain alive?

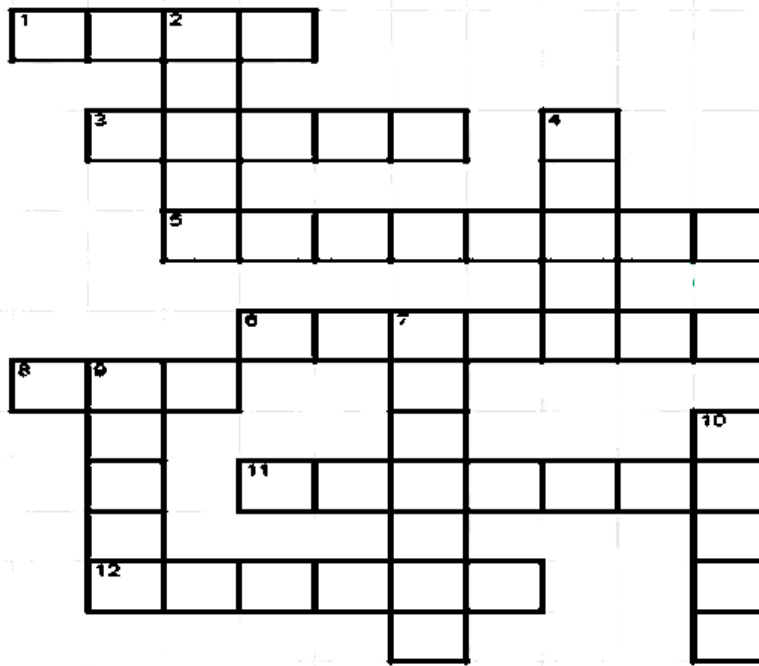
Interesting, right? But beware! This book is packed with tons of plot twists that once you start reading, it will be almost impossible to put the book down!

Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed this book and it is definitely worth reading.



DIVIJA CHAUHAN
IX

LET'S
GET
CRACKING!



Across

- 1) A very popular dessert around the world made with flour, sugar, and other ingredients, and is usually baked. Eaten in celebrations like birthdays etc
- 3) A soft candy with various flavours popularly sold in Agra and made from pumpkin
- 5) A bengali milk based sweet made by curdling milk, draining the whey and kneading the milk solids to make balls and cooked in sugar syrup.
- 6) A mixture of eggs, milk, sugar, and flavourings which attains its consistency by the coagulation of the egg protein by heat. Is usually a light cream-yellow colour.
- 8) A baked dish made of a pastry dough casing that contains a filling of various sweet or savoury ingredients (commonly- apples, pumpkins etc)
- 11) Can be a dessert and snack. Made with bread or flour sugar or rice etc.
- 12) Is a velvety smooth and light dessert that incorporates air bubbles and is usually chocolate flavoured.

Down

- 2) Indian dessert made with basmati rice, whole milk, nuts and saffron.
- 4) Is a type of confectionery originating from Persia, made with carrots as a popular punjabi dessert and generously topped with dry fruits.
- 7) Is a dessert, originating from Bengal made with milk and sugar.
- 9) Is a Japanese rice cake
- 10) Type of confection that is made by mixing sugar, butter and milk. It has its origins in 19th century America



JESSICA PREET
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AARNA ROHATGI
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FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

‘Fine art is that in which the hand, the head, and the heart of man go together.’ – John Ruskin.

The Fine Arts Department of Gyanshree School is a very colourful space for students to develop their creativity, imagination and talent across various segments of Visual Arts. This department holds various activities, exercises and initiatives which help the students to grow as individuals with artistic inclination.

The students are taught various Fine Arts techniques which include drawing, watercolour, acrylic colour, pencil colour, pencil shading, collage, etc. Students also get to learn a lot of terms related to visual arts such as colour names, paper origins, blending techniques among others.

All civilizations in this world developed into the modern society and the evolution can be clearly traced through art and artefacts made during the said period. So it is extremely important to learn and know about history and culture through art. The students are taught about our rich Art History in an engaging manner through story-telling and various other visual aids. The students learn about monuments, paintings, sculptures and murals.

The excitement of Fine Arts classes can be seen across all grades where students come to the spacious art studios of the school and explore different creative ideas. The students are encouraged to draw original compositions from imagination based on observation. The students learn line drawing, sketching, painting, still life study, figure study, etc.

An art room should be a safe and open space where students can express themselves freely without the hint of judgement, and Gyanshree School provides this area to the students and thus Art Room becomes a go to place for them.

SHREEGURU AKASHDEEP BANERJEE

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT



Laurels



✚ Shreeyans of the Upper Primary Wing of Gyanshree school participated in the ‘Step by Step Inter-School Basketball Tournament’ held on the 16th and 17th of March 2023. The participating Under 12 Girls team won the runners-up position and bagged silver medals after defeating Kothari International School in the semi-finals with a score of 17-16. Shreeyan Aadya Badhwar of Grade V won the trophy for Best Player of the tournament.

✚ Several of our young Shreeyans became published authors with for their books with the BRI Books platform. Kaashvi Goyal and Yaashvi Goyal of Grade V and were awarded with certificates at the BRI Books Authors’ Ceremony with certificates for being the ‘Most Popular Author’ in their state and city respectively.

✚ Aryama Shukla of Grade IV D also received the ‘Most Popular Author’ Certificate from Bri Books Publications for her book ‘Journey to Happiness’.



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