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MBIS



# NEWSLETTER

JUNE-JULY: 2025

## Our Trustee's Corner: **Insights and Inspiration**

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When you travel, you don't  
just satisfy a curiosity.  
You open yourself to a new world.  
Literally figuratively.

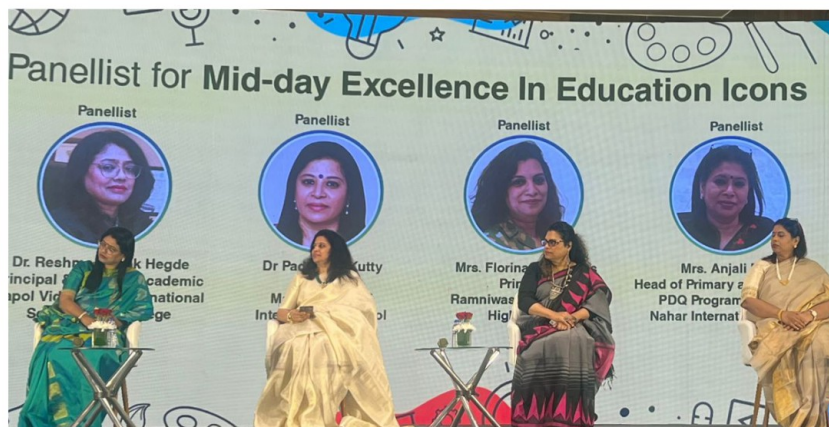
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## EXCELLENCE SPOTLIGHT



Ms. Archita Saraf Rajpuria (Trustee, RSET) & Dr. Padmajaa Kutty (Principal, MBIS) from Mainadevi Bajaj International School (MBIS) being felicitated for Excellence in International Cambridge School Curriculum



### A SPLENDID START TO THE AY 2025-26: MID DAY HONOUR

Mainadevi Bajaj International School was felicitated for Excellence in International Cambridge School curriculum at the MID Day Excellence Education ICON 2025 Awards event. Our Trustee, Ms. Archita Saraf Rajpuria and Principal, Dr. Padmajaa S Kutty received the award. This recognition honours the school's consistent pursuit of academic distinction and its commitment to delivering high quality Cambridge education.

Beyond the well deserved felicitation, our Principal Dr. Padmajaa S Kutty was an integral part of a captivating panel discussion at the event, where she eloquently highlighted how pedagogical innovation, coupled with a focus on skills and continuous teacher growth, prepares students for a dynamic world.



### Rising Stars on the National Stage! MBIS Athletes Shine at STAIRS National Games

Darius Wadia (Grade 9) and Aarav Halder (Grade 8) were selected to represent Team Maharashtra in the U-19 and U-17 Boys Basketball Teams, respectively, at the STAIRS National Games. Both teams showcased incredible skill and determination, achieving a 2nd place finish at the National Level!



### MBIS Stars Make Their Mark at Panache-Interschool Competition: RUNNER UP TROPHY

Our students of Primary and Secondary showcased their talent and enthusiasm at the Panache Inter-House Competition, hosted by Ramniwas Bajaj International School. With creativity, confidence, and flair, they left an indelible mark across multiple events, and clinched the Runner Up Trophy.



## EXCELLENCE SPOTLIGHT

### Winning Highlights

#### **ESIO Trot – Oral Reverse Spell Bee: First Position**

Grade 1 Arjun Singbal

Grade 2 Kush Nathani

#### **The Untold Monologue: First Position**

Grade 5 - Alayna Khan

#### **Character Couture Craft (Disney Tales): First Position**

Grade 2- Siddhi Vajawat

#### **Tales on Trial: Third Position**

Grade 8 Niya Maknojia

Grade 9 Devashri Gunaseelan

#### **First in Math – 24 Game: First Position**

Grade 7 Darsh Bagadia

Our learners impressed with their creativity and problem-solving skills in events like Wrap It Right, Diorama Making and Calculation Craze.

### RECORD HOLDER

RUDHRAN PRINA RISHAB HALWAI



#### **WORLD RECORD HOLDER: Young Yogi makes History!**

Rudhran Halwai, Grade 2 set a world record by holding the Chakrasana (Wheel Pose) for an astonishing 3 minutes and 6 seconds. Rudhran's incredible flexibility, focus and dedication earned him a spot in the international Book of Records.



### ACADEMICS: OUR KNOWLEDGE QUEST CONTINUES

#### ★ PRE PRIMARY

##### Nursery

###### AOI - All About Me!

I am special, there's no one like me,  
I'm as bright as I can be!  
I smile, I play, I learn each day,  
I am unique in every way!

Our Nursery children enjoyed a joyful All about Me activity, where they confidently introduced themselves. They also coloured boy/girl pictures together in a fun group setting. The activity nurtured self-awareness, confidence and early speaking skills in a warm, supportive environment.



##### Senior KG

###### Hindi: Discovering 'अ' – A Colourful Start to Hindi Learning!

Students were joyfully introduced to the swar 'अ'. They explored its sound and formation through a fun paper tearing and colouring activity, making the learning experience creative, engaging, and memorable!



##### Junior KG

###### Circle Time Magic – Moving, Expressing, and Growing Together

During Circle Time, students participated in Brain Gym exercises to energize their minds and bodies, starting the day with smiles and movement. They explored the use of Golden Words—Please, Sorry, Thank you, and Welcome—through role plays and real-life conversations, showing confidence in using them with peers and teachers. The session also focused on emotional awareness, where students used emotion cards to identify feelings, shared personal experiences, and learned to express emotions in a calm and respectful manner.





## EDUCATION INSIGHTS

### ★ PRIMARY

#### Grade 1

##### Science: Exploring Habitats!

Students participated in a sorting activity where they classified plants and animals based on their natural habitats. They showcased a clear understanding of the concept and followed instructions diligently throughout the activity.



#### Grade 2

##### Math: Stepping into Place Value – Making Numbers Come Alive!

Students engaged in a fun activity to reinforce their understanding of numbers up to 10,000. Each student was assigned a single digit, and four-digit numbers were randomly written on the board. Working as a team, students stood in the correct place value positions—thousands, hundreds, tens, and ones—to form the number and read it aloud, making learning interactive and enjoyable.





### ★ Grade 3

#### Mathematics : Colourful Baskets of Numbers

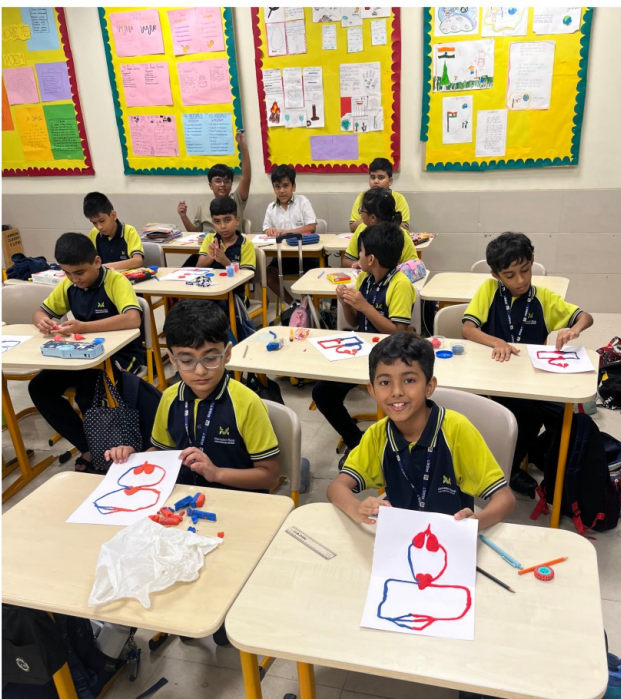
To strengthen number sense, students took part in a fun activity identifying even and odd numbers. Each student drew a basket and filled it with five five-digit numbers—a mix of even and odd. They colour-coded the numbers using different colours for each type, enhancing visual understanding. The activity promoted independent thinking, accurate classification, and creative presentation, making learning both meaningful and enjoyable.



### Grade 4

#### Mathematics: Numbers in Action – Exploring Place Value through Role Play!

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#### Grade 5 Science: Clay, Circulation, and Curiosity

Students explored the circulatory system through an engaging and hands-on activity—creating 3D clay models. This interactive session helped them understand the pathway of blood flow, the concept of double circulation, and the value of using scientific models to simplify complex processes. Learning became both meaningful and memorable through this fun approach!





### ★ LOWER SECONDARY

#### Hindi

##### Grade 6 :Nutritious and Balanced Diet

Students actively participated in a Healthy Food Exhibition, showcasing dishes made from sprouts, fruits, chaat and vegetables. The activity promoted nutritional awareness, improved Hindi speaking skills, boosted confidence, and encouraged sharing—fostering a sense of responsibility towards healthy living.



##### Grade 7 : Ice Breaker Activity

##### 'TwoTruths and One Lie'

Activity was conducted in the classroom to encourage interaction and bonding among students. The activity helped students open up, interact confidently, and learn fun facts about each other. It created a lively and friendly start to the academic year.





### ★ IGCSE

#### English

#### Grade 9: From Setbacks to Comebacks: Learning Life Lessons from Sports Icons

As the ESL students delved into Unit 2, which focused on Leisure Activities and Fun, they took on the task of narrating the inspiring journey of a sports icon who overcame significant hurdles. Learners selected both national and international figures, sharing powerful stories of resilience, perseverance, and determination. This engaging activity not only deepened their understanding of the human spirit but also helped enhance their confidence and speaking skills through meaningful communication.

#### Fun for All Ages: Discovering Leisure at Every Stage of Life!

Who says fun is only for teens? As an extension of Unit 2, learners explored leisure activities enjoyed by children, teens, and adults. Working collaboratively in groups, they researched and presented their findings creatively on charts. This activity fostered teamwork and honed their communication skills, all while discovering that leisure and joy truly have no age limit!



#### Grade AS Level :

#### Activity 1: Tone it Right with EGP

To help AS Level students grasp the importance of identifying tone and emotion in communication, an engaging English activity was conducted. In pairs, students attempted to convey messages using complex Shakespearean idioms and quotes - but with a twist. They had to deliver the same lines using a different tone each time. This fun challenge allowed students to experience firsthand how tone can alter meaning, helping them understand the crucial role of emotional congruence in effective communication.





## EDUCATION INSIGHTS

### Activity 2: Scroll, See, Say : EGP Meets Instagram!



In a fun and thought-provoking activity, AS Level students explored how images can convey different messages. They were challenged to create compelling Instagram-style captions for various visuals, capturing the core idea and tone behind each image. This activity sparked creativity, deepened students' understanding of how meaning can shift based on context and strengthened their comprehension skills by encouraging them to use context clues to interpret information more effectively.

### Activity 3: Battle of the Wits!

To enhance critical thinking and presentation skills, AS Level students engaged in an enthusiastic activity titled Battle of the Wits. Working in teams, students debated the thought-provoking motion: "Should cultural artefacts be returned?" The activity not only sharpened students' ability to structure and articulate their thoughts but also encouraged collaboration, deepened comprehension and boosted their confidence in public speaking.





## EXPANDING HORIZONS

### Nature Trail

#### Pre- Primary : Mindspace Garden

We wore our raincoats, nice and bright, And walked in the rain - oh, what a sight!  
We splashed in puddles, laughed with cheer, The rainy trail brought fun so near.  
Raindrops fell on leaves and ground, We watched the worms and snails we found.  
We all got wet on this rainy morning, Which set our spirits soaring.



### VANMAHOTSAV CELEBRATION

#### ★ PRIMARY

#### From Stories to Seeds – Vanmahotsav in Action!

Our Guest Speaker, Ms. Sweedle Cerajo engaged the learners with an inspiring session on the importance of trees, sharing the remarkable story of the Forest Man of India.

She also introduced practical ways to recycle, upcycle, and adopt eco-friendly habits in daily life. The highlight of the day was a fun hands-on microgreens planting activity, teaching students how to grow their own greens at home. Adding a creative twist, they also crafted masks and useful items using fallen leaves. This meaningful celebration planted seeds of environmental awareness and encouraged young minds to care for nature through simple, thoughtful actions.





## EXPANDING HORIZONS

### MASTER CLASS INTEGRATED WITH VANMAHOTSAV CELEBRATION

#### ★ LOWER SECONDARY, IGCSE & A LEVELS

##### Guardians of the Green: Sustaining Bio-Habitats for a Thriving Tomorrow

The first Master Class themed around **Importance and Sustainability of Bio-Habitat in Nature** was delivered by an esteemed veterinary, Dr. Heena Ganjawala for the students of Grades 6 to A Levels. The session highlighted the deep interconnections between wildlife health, habitat conservation and sustainable environmental practices. Dr Heena highlighted the current challenges faced by wild animal populations due to habitat destruction, climate change, poaching and human-wildlife conflict. The Master Class aligned perfectly with the spirit of Van Mahotsav , and encouraged the students to reflect on their responsibility towards nature and underscored the importance of living in harmony with the environment.





## EXPANDING HORIZONS

### BASTILLE DAY

#### ★ PRIMARY

Un Jour de Joie et de Couleurs à MBIS- A Day of Joy and Colours at MBIS

**Les élèves du primaire, pleins d'entrain,  
The primary students, with cheerful delight,  
Ont fêté la Fête Nationale le cœur plein.**

Celebrated Bastille Day, spirits bright.  
**Des badges tricolores, faits avec fierté,**

Blue, white, and red — proudly designed,  
**Des masques colorés, à la main décorés,**

Bright painted masks, uniquely outlined.  
**Un coin photo plein de sourires,**

With happy faces at the photo zone,  
**Et une roue qui fait réfléchir !**

Spin the wheel — let knowledge be shown!  
**On a chanté, on a appris, on a joué,**

We sang, we learnt, we played away,  
**Une journée française, joyeuse et animée!**





## EXPANDING HORIZONS

### ★ LOWER SECONDARY and IGCSE Bonjour France – French Fest @ MBIS

The fest began with a French song 'On Ecrit Sur Les Murs', by the students of Grade 6 spreading the message of peace and hope, followed by a hilarious play, 'Un Mélange de Langues'- a mix of languages. The segment Amazing Facts on a plethora of topics, fashion, tourism, French perfume and the Eiffel Tower left the audience spellbound. The parents were quizzed about France and they enthusiastically participated. The winners were gifted bookmarks hand made by the students. The fest ended on a high note with an electrifying dance performance on a French song by the students of Grade 7. The esteemed Guest for this year's fest was Mr. Angel Fortin, Scientific and Academic cooperation officer, French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs from the French Consulate in Mumbai. Mr. Angel plays a vital role in strengthening partnerships between French and Indian institutions, supporting research collaboration and promoting opportunities for Indian students to pursue higher education in France.

### BASTILLE DAY





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### STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION

#### ★ PRIMARY & SECONDARY

#### Shaping tomorrow's Leaders – Student Council Elections 2025–26

The Student Council Elections were held with great enthusiasm and a true spirit of democracy. Grade 5 students and those from Grades 6 to A Levels contested for Junior and Senior Council positions, respectively – with 36 leadership roles up for grabs.

Candidates created vibrant posters, campaigned during breaks, and participated in panel interviews. Voting was conducted digitally via Google Forms, ensuring a fair, democratic and inclusive process across Grades 1 to A Levels.





## EDUCATION INSIGHTS

### I.I.M.U.N Role Model Series [IGCSE (Grade 9) and AS Level]

#### "Role models are mirrors of what's possible."

The I.I.M.U.N. Role Model Series has been designed to offer students an opportunity to learn from some of India's most distinguished leaders- individuals who have made extraordinary contributions in their fields. Students interacted with eminent speakers like – Tejasvi Surya (Politician), Sushmita Sen (Film Actor & Former Miss Universe), Suhani Shah (Mentalist), Smriti Irani (Politician) and gained valuable insights. Their stories weren't just motivational but also they were real and relatable. It was encouraging to see how ordinary beginnings could lead to extraordinary accomplishments with the right mindset and persistence.

The experiences of our students are worth a read:



**Shrishti Roy [AS Level]** : “ The IIMUN role model series turned out to be a truly inspiring experience. We heard from four amazing individuals- Tejasvi Surya, Smriti Irani, Sushmita Sen and Suhani Shah. Each one shared powerful stories about their life journeys. Suhani Shah spoke about selflearning and staying authentic. While Smriti Irani impressed us with her confidence. Sushmita Sen reminded us of the importance of self worth and walking with grace and Tejasvi Surya encouraged the youth to lead with purpose and courage. It was a memorable day that left us truly inspired”.



**Samridhhi Ranjan [AS level]** : “The IIMUN role model series was a funfilled experience of learning. Tejasvi Surya who enlightened us on poilitics and how one should remain self motivated.

Suhani Shah shared how failures have been a stepping stone to success in her life. The sensational Sushmita Sen talked on women empowerment and Smriti Irani left an impact on the audience by her powerful words of wisdom.”



## ENERGISING ECOSYSTEM

### ★ PRE PRIMARY, PRIMARY & SECONDARY

#### PARENT ORIENTATION

##### Nurturing the Whole Child – Insights from Dr. Kusum Kanwar

Adding depth to the orientation, Dr. Kusum Kanwar introduced a neuroscience-backed parenting approach, promoting balanced routines that integrate academics, arts, physical activity, and emotional awareness. She emphasized open communication, modelling empathy, validating emotions, and encouraging community participation. Her brain-boosting tips — including multi-modal play, peer interaction, embracing mistakes, and mindfulness — offered powerful strategies to support the holistic development of resilient, well-rounded children.

##### Inspiring Conversations at MBIS Parent Orientation

The Parent Orientation for Primary and Secondary featured renowned Parenting Coach and Influencer, **Ms. Kavyal Sedani**. Her session focused on empathy-driven parenting and the importance of emotional intelligence. She shared a practical Mini Daily Checklist that encouraged parents to label emotions, offer choices, manage screen time mindfully, foster creativity through play, and listen with empathy — all essential tools for nurturing confident, emotionally secure children. In her insightful session, Ms. Kavyal addressed the contemporary challenges faced by parents and shared practical strategies to strengthen parent-child relationships. Her talk, titled "Building Bridges: Partnering for Success," offered valuable guidance on fostering effective partnerships between home and school.

##### Curriculum Morning – Partnering for Progress

After the keynote sessions, parents attended Curriculum Morning, where homeroom teachers shared key highlights and learning goals of the upcoming academic year.





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### Chapter One: A Joyful Beginning to Our Book Club Journey!

Our very first session of \*The Connecting Chapter\*[Book Club for Parents], was a delightful mix of creativity, laughter and heartfelt literary conversation. Bookmark Memory was a fun icebreaker where members shared memorable moments from the books they've recently read. This nostalgic activity opened the door to new recommendations and sparked curiosity about unexplored titles. The energy soared with a spirited round of book-themed Dumb Charades. From dramatic gestures to hilarious guesses, this game had us all in splits while highlighting our collective love for stories and quick wit. We wrapped up with a rich, open discussion on current reads, personal reflections and literary insights. The highlight of the morning? Choosing Ruskin Bond as the featured author for our next meet.



## TEACHER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

### Bringing Classrooms to Life – Empowering Educators Through Drama

A dynamic session on Drama in Education, conducted by Ms Urvi Thacker, team member of Helen O' Gradey. Teachers explored theatrical tools like Make Shapes, Sound and Action, and Columbian Hypnosis to make learning more interactive and engaging. Through role-play and improvisation, educators experienced how drama can help students internalize complex concepts while building essential life skills like communication, confidence, empathy, and creativity. The session inspired teachers to integrate drama into their classrooms for a more enriching learning experience.





## ENERGISING ECOSYSTEM

### Voices of the Future – Nurturing Student Confidence Through Public Speaking

Mr. Anansh Prasad, a Teacher Trainer from Skillsphere focussed on equipping educators with strategies to build public speaking skills in students. Key elements such as voice modulation, body language, and audience engagement were explored. The session also highlighted the Pygmalion and Golem Effects, underlining the importance of positive teacher expectations in shaping confident, articulate learners. It was an insightful session aimed at empowering educators to help students express themselves effectively.



### Brewing Knowledge - Coffee Painting Experience Filled with Art, Teamwork & Aroma

Teachers enjoyed a creative coffee painting workshop led by Grand Master artist Ms. Prina Halwai, an MBIS Parent. They explored coffee shades through a warm-up art, followed by a surprise group activity where individual paintings came together to form a complete artwork. It was a fun and aromatic bonding experience that encouraged teamwork and creativity.





## ENERGISING ECOSYSTEM

### SEWA ACTIVITY 1: Serving with a Purpose !

S- Social Initiatives E-Empathy for All W-Well Being for Growth A- Attitude of Gratitude

#### ★ PRIMARY & SECONDARY

Students of Grades 6 to A Levels set up vibrant food stalls and mind boggling games. Students of Grades 2 to 5 were invited and they wholeheartedly patronised the stalls. This hands-on experience gave the students a powerful lesson in making a difference. It was a day where joy met generosity, and we are proud to see our students growing into thoughtful, responsible citizens of tomorrow.





## ENERGISING ECOSYSTEM



### MY THOUGHTS, YOUR SUCCESS: NAVIGATING EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

3Ls: Lifelong Learning Lessons will now feature every month in the Newsletter.

#### THE GIFT OF GRATITUDE :

In a story that feels more like a movie script than real life, Roger Federer has found himself at the centre of one of the most emotional moments the tennis world has ever witnessed. Twenty years ago, while at the height of his rising career, the Swiss legend quietly rescued two abandoned twin girls in a moment of compassion that had remained largely unknown – until now.

The year was 2005. Federer had just won Wimbledon and was fast becoming a global sports icon. During a charity trip to a remote village in South Africa, Federer encountered a heartbreaking situation: two infant twin girls had been left abandoned outside a local health clinic. Moved by the scene and unwilling to walk away, Federer reportedly stepped in to fund their care, education, and long-term support, working discreetly through a foundation partner.

At the time, no press release was issued. Federer, known for his humility and quiet generosity, never spoke publicly about the event. Even die-hard fans were unaware of what had happened.

Fast forward twenty years. Now young women in their early twenties, the twin sisters appeared unexpectedly at a tribute gala for Federer, held in Geneva to honor his lifelong achievements both on and off the court. The room fell silent as the two, dressed in elegant white, took the stage. They began by recounting their story.

"We don't remember being abandoned," one said, but we remember being saved. And the man who saved us is sitting right here tonight. The crowd was visibly emotional. Federer himself appeared stunned and overwhelmed. What happened next left everyone speechless.

The sisters announced the launch of a scholarship fund in Federer's name, dedicated to helping underprivileged children in rural areas gain access to sports and education, the very things Federer had given them. "It's our turn to give back," they said, "just as Roger gave to us, without expecting anything in return."

The room erupted in a standing ovation. Tears streamed down the faces of guests, including celebrities, former players, and Federer's own family. Commentators called it one of the most powerful moments in tennis history, not because of a trophy or a title, but because of a legacy of kindness that came full circle.

Social media exploded. The hashtags #FedererLegacy and #FullCircleMiracle began trending within minutes. Fans around the world praised the story as "proof that greatness isn't just measured in Grand Slams."

Federer, holding back tears, finally took the microphone. "I thought I was just helping two lives," he said, voice trembling. "I had no idea they would come back and inspire the world."

In a sport often defined by numbers, rankings, and rivalries, this story reminded the world of what really matters, humanity, heart, and the incredible ripple effect of one selfless act.

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