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GIVING WINGS TO YOUR DREAMS

MBIS



NEWSLETTER

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Our Trustee's Corner:
Insights and Inspiration



In a rapidly evolving world, education must prepare children not just for the careers of tomorrow, but for the challenges, choices and responsibilities of life

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EXCELLENCE SPOTLIGHT

★ Celebrating Excellence: MBIS Ranks Among Mumbai's Best Cambridge Schools!

A moment of immense pride for the MBIS family!

Mainadevi Bajaj International School has secured 1st Rank in Zone D and 2nd Rank across Mumbai among schools offering the Cambridge curriculum, as per the Mid-Day Education School Survey 2026, published on 24 October 2026.

This recognition reflects our commitment to academic excellence, innovative learning, and nurturing confident, future-ready learners. Here's to raising aspirations, creating opportunities, and giving wings to every dream!





★ A Moment of Immense Pride for the Entire MBIS Family!

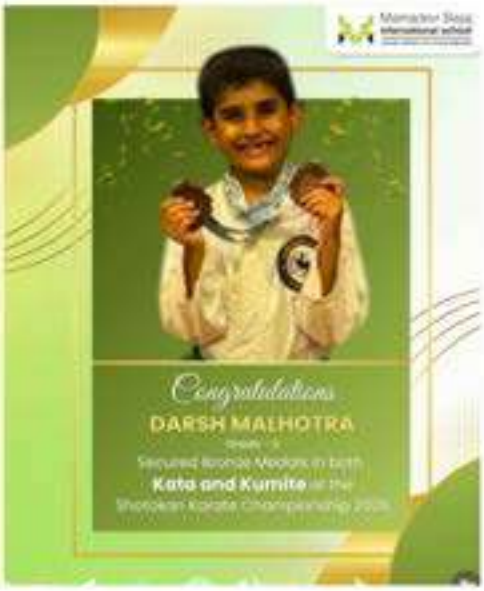
We are delighted to announce that our visionary Principal, Dr. Padmajaa S Kutty, has been conferred with the prestigious 'Nation Builder Award 2026' by Dr. Suhas Pednekar, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Mumbai, at an inspiring ceremony organized by the Rotary Club of Mumbai. The celebration doubled as our pillars of strength, Ms. Priya Natraj, Primary Coordinator and Ms. Leena Mane, Secondary Coordinator, were also felicitated at the same platform for their exemplary dedication and service in the field of education.

This recognition celebrates the unwavering commitment, visionary leadership, and relentless dedication of the team towards the betterment and progress of the student community. They don't just teach; they build the future of our nation. Heartiest congratulations to our leaders for building students and thereby building the nation!
We are honoured and humbled!

★ PRIMARY

Excellence Beyond Classroom

Congratulations to Darsh Malhotra, Grade 2, on winning Bronze Medals in both Kata and Kumite at the Shotokan Karate Championship 2026!Your dedication, discipline, and fighting spirit are truly commendable. Keep aiming higher, Darsh!



EXCELLENCE SPOTLIGHT

Inter-House Basketball Competition :Primary Grades 3 to 5

The Inter-House Basketball Competition was held for Grades 3 to 5.The event was filled with excitement and enthusiasm as our young players showcased their basketball skills, teamwork, and sporting spirit while cheering for their respective Houses.

Results:

1st Place: Emerald House

2nd Place: Ruby House

3rd Place: Topaz House

4th Place: Sapphire House

Congratulations to all our young players for their wonderful efforts, teamwork, and sportsmanship!



MSSA Interschool competition

MBIS students participated in the MSSA Inter-School Chess and Table Tennis Competitions, showcasing their skills, focus, and sportsmanship while gaining valuable competitive experience. Congratulations to all participants for representing MBIS with pride!

EXCELLENCE SPOTLIGHT

★ Meraki Competition 2026 – Achievements

Our students participated enthusiastically in the Meraki Competition at Jankidevi Public School.We are proud to announce the following achievements:

- Under-14 Boys' Football Team: Secured 3rd Place trophy and medals
- Under-14 Girls' Football Team: Secured 2nd Place trophy and medals
- Art Competition – Theme: "Future India"
- Ifra Maknojia, Grade 6: Secured 3rd Place medal
- Diya Agrawal,Grade 9 Student: Secured 3rd Place medal

These remarkable accolades reflect our students' dedication, perseverance, creativity, and sporting spirit. Heartiest congratulations to all the participants, winners, and their mentors for their commendable performances and for bringing laurels to the school!





★ Lower Secondary: Grade: 6-8: Inter-House Table Tennis Competition

The Inter-House Table Tennis Competition for Grades 6–8 witnessed an exciting display of talent, determination and sporting spirit. Students competed enthusiastically, showcasing their agility, precision and competitive spirit while demonstrating commendable sportsmanship throughout the matches.

Girls:

1st – Harshita | 2nd – Kashish | 3rd – Siya | 4th – Diyara

Boys:

1st – Jeremy | 2nd – Divyaan | 3rd – Kedar | 4th – Devansh





EXCELLENCE SPOTLIGHT

Lower Secondary: Grades 6-8: Inter-House English Debate Competition 2026–27: Battle of Words

The Inter-House English Debate Competition witnessed spirited arguments and sharp rebuttals on topics concerning tourism and green spaces. All four houses showcased impressive research, confidence and critical thinking. Topaz secured third place, Ruby emerged as runner-up, while Sapphire House claimed the championship title. The judges applauded the participants for their eloquence and teamwork.



★ PRE PRIMARY

★ Nursery

AOI: Our Little Explorers

Nursery learners are joyfully exploring the world of animals through stories, songs, picture talks, and group and individual activities. These engaging experiences are helping them develop their language skills, fine motor skills, social skills and confidence.






★ Jr KG

Numeracy: Understanding Tens and Ones with LEGO Blocks

Students explored the concept of tens and ones using colourful LEGO blocks. They counted and grouped 10 blocks to make a ten and used individual blocks to represent ones. Through this fun, hands-on activity, children developed their counting skills, number sense, and understanding of place value. Learning with LEGO made mathematics enjoyable, interactive, and meaningful!




★ Sr KG

Hindi: Exploring Swar 'ऊ'!

Our little learners explored Swar 'ऊ' through stories, creative pencil-shaving artwork and colouring an owl (उल्लू).

These engaging activities helped them recognise the swar while enhancing their creativity and fine motor skills. Learning Hindi was truly fun and enjoyable!



EDUCATION INSIGHTS

★ PRIMARY

★ Grade 1

English: Matching Moves and Actions

Students explored action words through an engaging, collaborative puzzle-matching activity. Working together in groups, they carefully observed the different actions illustrated on each puzzle piece and connected it to the corresponding verbs. The hands-on exercise turned grammar into a lively team experience, reinforcing their vocabulary and cooperation skills.





★ Grade 2

English: Picture-Based Sentence Building

Students participated in an engaging group activity to explore parts of speech. Using pictures as prompts, they created sentences incorporating nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs. The activity encouraged observation, creativity, vocabulary development and teamwork while making grammar learning fun and interactive!





★ Grade 3

Science: Exploring Electric Circuits

Students got hands-on with electricity as they built their own closed circuits! By connecting different components and completing the circuit, they explored how electric current flows through an unbroken path. This practical activity brought the science of electricity to life, sparking curiosity, exploration and learning.





★ Grade 4

Science: Force and Motion

Through an exciting game of tug-of-war, students discovered the fundamental principles of physical force. Also they analysed classroom activities how applied force, friction, and gravity act on objects, gaining a practical understanding of how balanced and unbalanced forces influence movement.



★ Lower Secondary:

Grade 7: English:

Learning Through Debate

Grade 7 students participated in a classroom debate on "Extreme sports are dangerous and should be banned." After discussing and preparing their viewpoints, the class was divided into two teams to present opposing arguments. The activity encouraged critical thinking, persuasive communication, respectful disagreement and the ability to consider different perspectives.





★ Grade 5

Science: The Dynamics of Force

Our scientists explored the fundamentals of physics through active play in basketball and tug-of-war. By engaging in these games, students directly observed core mechanics such as friction, gravitational pull, and applied force. They also investigated a few Lab activities how balanced forces maintain stability while unbalanced forces initiate motion, bringing textbook concepts to life.

Electric Circuits in Action

Learners stepped into the role of electrical engineers, getting hands-on experience with closed-circuit systems. By physically assembling circuit components and testing their conductivity, students investigated the flow of electric current and successfully classified various materials as electrical conductors or insulators.





★ PRIMARY

A Day of Grace and Giving

Our visit to St. Catherine's Home was a profoundly moving experience that gave us a deeper appreciation for selfless service. The Sister warmly guided us through the foundation of the home, sharing how it is run daily to provide shelter, care, and loving adoption opportunities for children in need. We walked past the residential cottages, each thoughtfully named to reflect its mission of nurturing hope and safety. The SEWA activity was truly heartwarming, as our students eagerly contributed essential resources to support the home. We deeply appreciate the children from Grades 1 to 5 who joined the trip; their gentle presence and generous spirit made it an unforgettable day of compassion.











★ IGCSE: MBIS Shines on the Global Stage: Empowering Future Leaders at the United Nations, Geneva

In a moment of great honour for MBIS, 10 learners from our institution successfully completed a three-day conference held at the United Nations Office at Geneva. As part of the conference, the students received specialised training in negotiation skills conducted by senior UN officials. The experience provided our learners with unparalleled exposure to international diplomacy and global decision-making.

In an additional honour, our Principal met Dr Gaya Gamhewage, Founder of Wisdom House, former Director of Communications at WHO and a former UN official, who will conduct exclusive online webinars on diplomacy skills for our learners.

A proud moment for MBIS!









★ Lower Secondary: Grade: 6-8 & IGCSE-A Levels: SEWA Collection Drive

The SEWA collection drive was organised as part of the Daan Utsav celebrations. Students and members of the school community contributed essential items for the elderly and residents of shelter homes. The collection included personal hygiene products, stationery, blankets and other daily necessities. The initiative encouraged learners to practise kindness, empathy and social responsibility by contributing towards the well-being of those in need.







★ PRE PRIMARY, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY

Prioritizing Wellness

A comprehensive health check-up program was conducted by Ayaksha health centre to ensure the physical well-being of all students. A team of medical professionals performed basic screenings, including dental, vision, and general health evaluations. Students participated enthusiastically and received valuable advice on maintaining proper hygiene and a balanced diet. The initiative helped identify early health concerns and encouraged children to adopt healthy daily habits.



★ Lower Secondary: Grade 7: Responsibility and the Art of Questioning

Circle Time: Grade 7 students explored responsibility and developed their questioning skills through the TRICK framework introduced by Principal Padmaja Ma'am: Tone, Relationship, Intent, Context and Keep Growing. The session encouraged learners to ask meaningful questions, consider different perspectives and take greater ownership of their learning and decisions.



★ Lower Secondary: Grade 6: Lighting the Diya of Empathy

Circle Time: Grade 6 students explored empathy through a heartwarming video about a young boy helping a woman sell her handmade diyas. Inspired by the message that empathy calls for thoughtful action, students expressed their gratitude to the school's ancillary staff through handwritten thank-you notes and a heartfelt song, celebrating their invaluable contributions to the MBIS community.






Teacher Enrichment Program

★ Stress Management – Stress Olympics

A Teacher Enrichment Program titled 'Stress Olympics – Understand, Manage, and Thrive' was conducted by Mr Jeevan D'Cunha. It focused on understanding stress, identifying everyday workplace stressors and exploring practical strategies for managing stress effectively. Through a series of interactive and thought-provoking activities such as Stress Bingo, Multitasking Madness, Moving Goalposts and The Last Straw, teachers reflected on their daily experiences, the challenges of multitasking, frequent interruptions and the impact of accumulating stress.

The session also highlighted the importance of recognizing early warning signs of stress, understanding what is within our control and learning to respond positively to challenging situations. Teachers explored ways to prioritize tasks, minimize unnecessary multitasking, manage interruptions and maintain better focus at work.

The enrichment program was insightful and engaging, encouraging teachers to reflect on their work habits and adopt practical strategies to enhance their well-being, build resilience and create a healthier work environment.



★ Lower Secondary: Grade 6 & 7: Session on Understanding Friendship by the Well-being Faculty

Students of Grades 6 and 7 participated in an engaging session on understanding friendship and building healthy relationships. Through discussions and interactive activities, learners explored the importance of trust, empathy, respect and kindness, while reflecting on the qualities of a meaningful friendship.





★ Connecting Chapters

Book Club Session : 4

A thoughtful exploration of the book: The Mindful Body

This month, our Book Club hosted an engaging and insightful reading session which was centred around the book The Mindful Body by Ellen. J. Langer.The session provided a wonderful opportunity for parents to reflect on the ideas presented in the book, and explore the meaningful connection between the mind and body. Members actively participated in an open discussion, sharing their individual perspectives, personal experiences, and interpretations of the concepts discussed.What made the session particularly enriching was the diversity of thoughts and viewpoints shared by everyone. Each perspective added a new dimension to the conversation, encouraging us to look beyond the written words and relate the book's ideas to our everyday lives.The discussion reminded us of the importance of being mindful, listening to our bodies, understanding our emotions, and nurturing a healthy balance between our physical and mental well-being.It was more than just a book discussion; it was an opportunity to connect, learn from one another, and appreciate how reading can inspire meaningful conversations and personal reflection.The session concluded on a positive note, leaving everyone with fresh insights and food for thought.







Dr Padmajaa S Kutty
Principal

Nurturing Minds, Inspiring Futures :3Gs — Grow. Give. Guide. Growing as individuals, giving to others, and guiding the world with confidence.

This edition is dedicated to the spirit of Diwali-The Light We Grow, The Love We Give, The Path We Guide

Diwali is a festival that reminds us that the brightest light is not always the one that shines around us, but the one that awakens within us. Beyond the sparkle of diyas, the brilliance of rangolis and the warmth of festive gatherings lies a beautiful message — the triumph of good over evil, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair.

The Story of the Five Diyas

There was once a wise teacher who placed five unlit diyas before her students on the eve of Diwali. She asked them, "What makes a diya truly meaningful?"

The first child replied, "Its light, because it removes darkness."
The second said, "Its beauty, because it makes our homes festive."
The third observed, "Its flame, because it symbolises hope."
The teacher listened patiently and then lit the first diya. She used its flame to light the second, the second to light the third, and continued until all five diyas glowed brightly.
She then asked, "Did the first diya become any dimmer by sharing its flame?"
The children shook their heads.
"Did the other diyas become any less beautiful because they received its light?"
Again, they shook their heads.
The teacher smiled and said, "That is the true wisdom of Diwali. A diya fulfils its purpose not merely by burning brightly, but by helping other lights shine. Life, too, becomes meaningful when we continue to grow, share what we have and illuminate the path for others."
She paused before adding, "But remember, a flame must first be nurtured before it can light another. And to keep it burning, it needs care, patience and the right conditions."
The children looked at the glowing diyas, beginning to understand that the festival was teaching them something far greater than the art of celebration.

GROW - Nurture Your Inner Light

Like the first diya, we must continuously nurture our knowledge, character and abilities. Growth comes from curiosity, reflection, perseverance and the willingness to learn. Before we can inspire others, we must first work towards becoming our best selves.

GIVE - Share Your Light Generously

A flame does not diminish when it lights another. Similarly, knowledge, kindness, encouragement and compassion multiply when shared. The true spirit of giving lies in recognising that even our smallest gestures can make a meaningful difference.

GUIDE - Illuminate the Path for Others

The greatest achievement is not simply to shine individually, but to inspire others to discover their own light. True leadership is about empowering, encouraging and creating opportunities for others to grow. A good leader does not create followers who depend on their light, but individuals who learn to shine independently.
At MBIS, the philosophy of Grow, Give and Guide is a reminder that education must illuminate more than minds; it must shape hearts, strengthen character and inspire purposeful action.
This Diwali, may every child discover the courage to GROW, the generosity to GIVE and the wisdom to GUIDE.

For the world does not become brighter because a few lamps shine more brilliantly, but because more lamps are kindled.

Wishing all our MBIS families a joyous, peaceful and illuminating Diwali!

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