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**NEWSLETTER**

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# Pre Primary

## Field to Fire Station - Nursery and Jr Kg

Our little learners of Nursery and Junior KG class went on a field trip to the fire station. They saw the firefighters' gear and the fire trucks. They were provided with a lot of information like the help line numbers, safety measures in case of fire, how firefighters help people and rescue the birds and animals.

Students were seen listening attentively to all the information that was provided by the firemen. They were also excited as some of them had a hand on experience on using the hose pipe and trying to extinguish the flame. As they wave goodbye and head back to school, they're filled with newfound admiration and respect for the brave men who keep their community safe.



# Pre Primary

## SPORTY VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION WITH FATHERS :

### INNOVATIVE CELEBRATION

MBIS consistently approaches celebrations with innovation, and one notable initiative was celebrating Valentine's Day with fathers through Sports activities. The Pre Primary children had a delightful morning with their dads, an idea warmly embraced by everyone. Witnessing fathers enjoy

quality time with their children was truly heartening.

The day was filled with the thrills of games and dance, whilst the warmth of love seamlessly blended into a perfect celebration of affection and teamwork.



# Pre Primary Academic Activities

## Nursery

**AOI:** Students are learning about different community helpers and the role played by them through picture talk, stories, role play, individual and group activities.

**Numeracy:** Students are learning to develop the

listening skills by picking up the shape as instructed and making a collage with cutouts given to them.

**Literacy:** Students are learning to speak short sentences through constructive play activity.



# Pre Primary Academic Activities

Jr Kg

**AOI:** Dabbing activity on the Sun.

**Literacy:** Sight words according to the instructions given.

**Art:** Making a headgear with Star, Earth and Alien

**Numeracy:** Tens and ones activity. Counting and placing the beads according to the place value. Comparison of numbers through a crumpling activity

**Numeracy:** Placing the number name on the correct number



# Pre Primary Academic Activities

Sr.Kg

**Literacy :** Students were introduced to vowel 'u' family words with the help of a game to guess the correct word, students made bookmarks by writing each family word on it and decorated as per their choices ,which made them aware of the use of a bookmark.

**Numeracy:** Students were introduced to the skip of 5's with the help of a story on astronauts and

their different countdown to launch the rocket by using skip of 5 which made it very easy for them to remember it

**AOI:** Students learnt about the various symbols of India and made an activity by colouring the symbols and the outline of India map, which was very exciting for them.



# Primary Academic Activities

## Grade 1

**AOI:** Role play-Students played the role of newsreader, conversing on phone with friends and playing a quiz with their peers.

Students designed their own newspaper with articles like news, ads, games, entertainment and information on education.

**Hindi:** Students are learning to make new words from the given Vyanajan.

**Science:** Students are learning about properties of materials where they had done an activity on three different materials were given and they had to find out which is transparent, translucent and opaque.



# Primary Academic Activities

## Grade 2

**French** - Students had a fun time with colours and setting up their own backpack with their creative ideas. The students were given a printout and with the French vocabulary they were asked to complete their backpack and write about what they carry and use most.

**Science:** Students learnt the skill of doing science

through observation. They spotted similarities and differences in different types of leaves and understood the function of these parts. They also did a seed germination activity to identify the different things a seed and plant need to grow.

Food chain was learned with the help of a game.

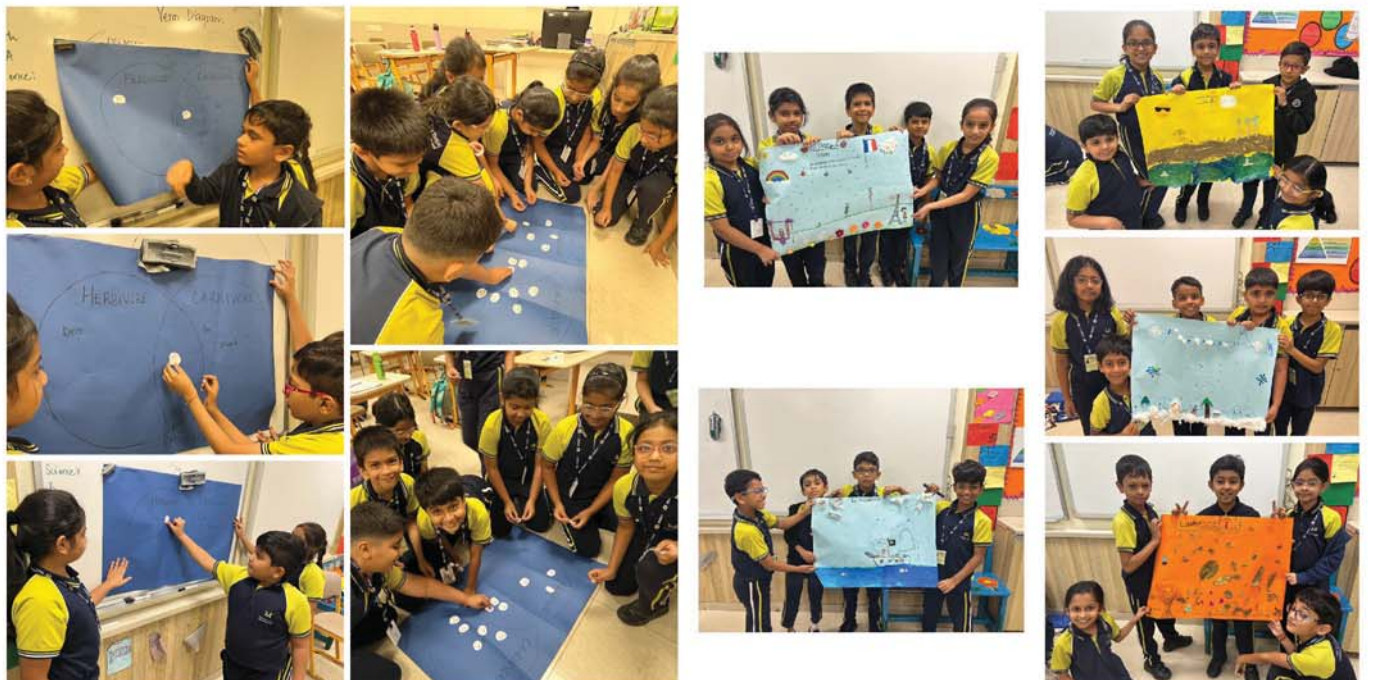


## Grade 3

**French** - Students had a joyful time learning about the beautiful seasons in France.

**Science:** Students researched the types of animals based on their eating habits. A few more examples

were added by the teacher. The students then asked each other if their example belongs to the herbivore, carnivore or omnivore groups. And placed the same in the Venn diagram.





# Primary Academic Activities

## Grade 4

Science: Students of grade 4 learnt the stages in seed germination by getting different seeds to school and placing them on the windowsill with just the right amount of water everyday for a week. Some seeds were kept in the shade, some were left unwatered. Their conclusions were:

They learnt how not all seeds germinate at the same rate, some seeds need less water, all seeds need

sunlight and water to germinate.

They observed the seedlings and noted down the same after a class discussion.

Students observed and identified parts of a flower and noted it down.

French: Activity on French monuments and cardinal and ordinal numbers.



# Primary Academic Activities

## Grade 5

**French:** Students made their very own calendar which consisted of all the important French and Indian dates of the year.

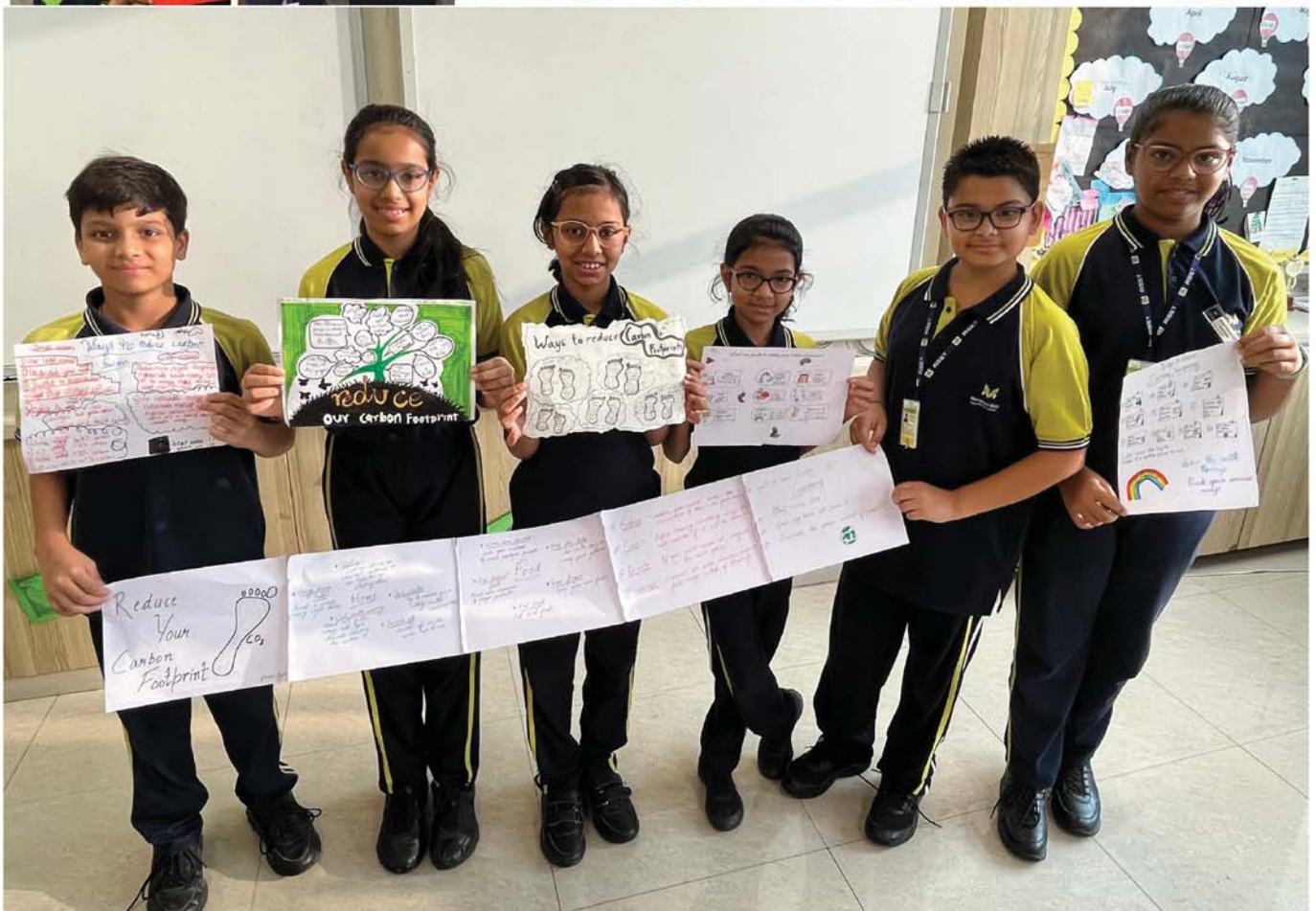
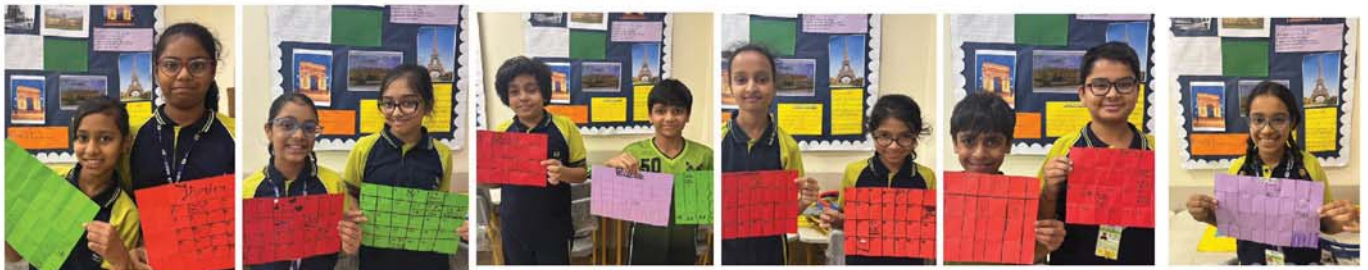
**Science:** Students learnt the types of rocks and the stages of the rock cycle with the help of chocolates. They learnt each step by doing, observing and discussing. They noted down how at the end of it all they started with one type of chocolate but in the end had different forms of it, in terms of appearance and the way it was formed. The class end with the rock cycle song and relishing the

chocolates among themselves and the named it "Rock chocolates"

Water retention in different types of soil was learnt through an experiment in class. They got their hands dirty to check the characteristics of soil they had learnt about.

**AOI:** Students learnt about the carbon budget and how actions in day to day life can upset it.

They discussed ways in which they can reduce the carbon footprint and prepared posters on the same



# Primary

## National Science Day Celebration: QUIZ COMPETITION

On National Science Day, 28th February 2024 the Primary section at MBIS organized an exhilarating Inter - House Quiz Competition. The event buzzed with excitement as the finalists from the four houses (Ruby, Sapphire, Emerald and Topaz) gathered to showcase their knowledge. The participants were encouraged and cheered for by their classmates. With questions ranging from basic scientific concepts, General Knowledge to intriguing discoveries, the atmosphere was charged with anticipation and energy. Each team put forth their best efforts, displaying not only their grasp of scientific facts but also their teamwork and quick thinking skills. The quiz also involved an

Audience round where students of each grade got a chance to answer and were rewarded for the same. The competition not only fostered friendly rivalry but also encouraged a deeper appreciation for science among the young minds. Every participant left with a sense of accomplishment and a renewed interest in exploring the wonders of science. Our Principal Dr. Padmaja Kutty also addressed our students on topics ranging from Science to scientists inspiring us, thus igniting their curiosity and passion for science.



# Our Quiz Competition Achievers

## GRADES 1-2

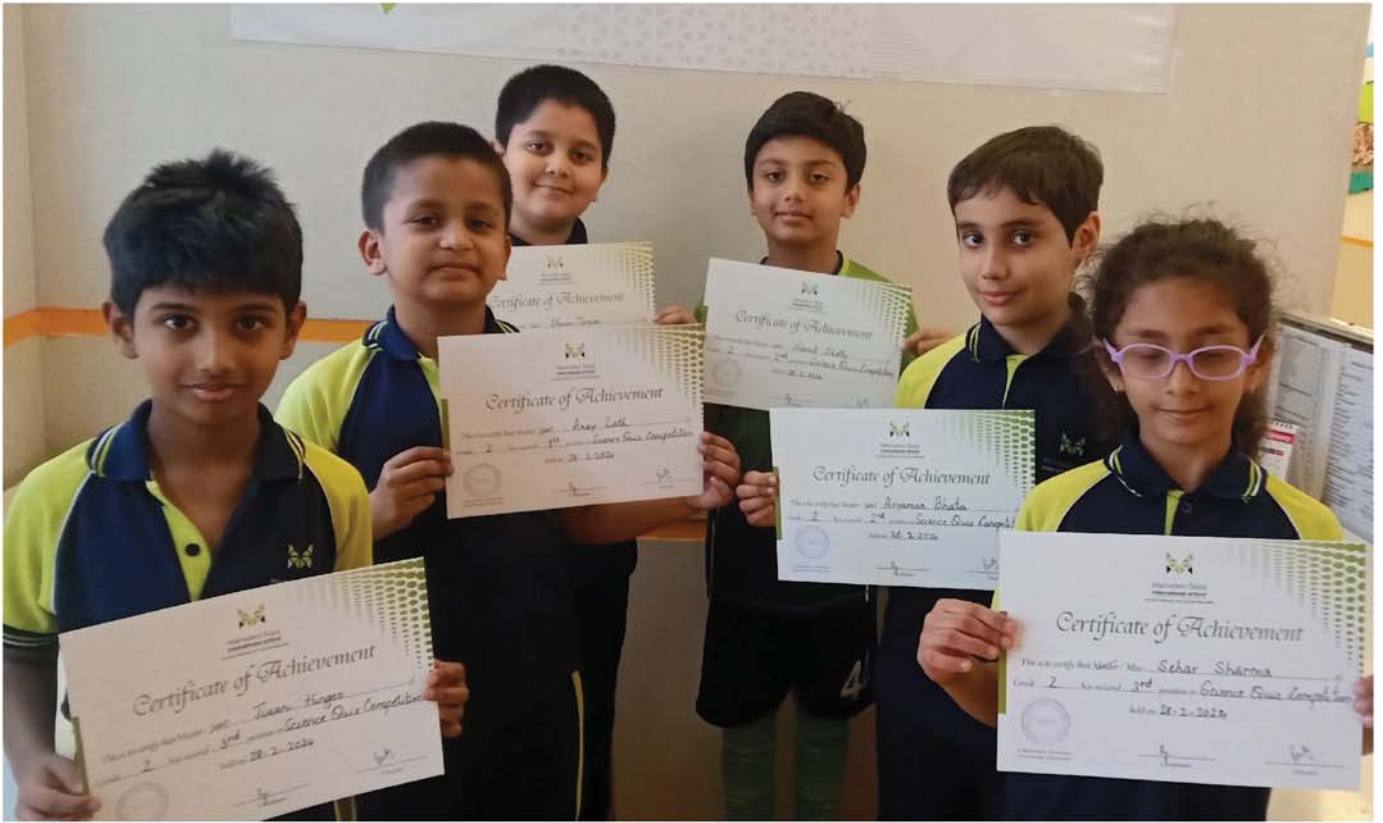
HOUSE/PLACE	GRADE 1	GRADE 2
1st Place – Sapphire House	Viaana Patil, Viha Gandhi	Dhruv Tomar Anay Lath
2nd Place – Ruby House	Prashasth Pareek Advika Prabhakar	Aryaman Bhatia Namit Shetty
3rd Place – Emerald House	Risha Bhide Sahajveer Batra	Jiaan Hingoo Sehar Sharma
Participants of Topaz House	Lisha Motiramani Advika Rane	Parshv Shah Adhvik Saxena

## GRADES 3-5

HOUSE/PLACE	GRADE 3	GRADE 4	GRADE 5
1st Place – Ruby House	Taksh Atal	Kabir Nehete	Siya Jha
2nd Place – Topaz House	Zinia Sunesara	Veer Singhania	Anika Chitnis
3rd Place – Sapphire House	Hridaan Sharma	Aadya Shrivastava	Harshita Mulkhede
Participants of Emerald House	Reyansh Goyal	Soham Pratap Singh	Aryan Fernandes



# Our Quiz Competition Achievers



# Secondary Academic Activities

## Theme: Mardi Gras

### Subject: French

Day/Date: Wednesday, 14 February

It's Mardi Gras. The students of grade 6 put on their colourful masks and presented how Mardi Gras is celebrated across France. The cultural nuance which includes food, clothing and music was discussed by the teacher. Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday", reflecting the practice of the last night of consuming rich, fatty foods in preparation for the fasting season of Lent.



## Theme : Vocabulary of Clothing

### Subject: French

Day/Date: Wednesday, 14 February, 2024

Grade 7 students learnt the vocabulary for clothing in French in a super fun way. A team game of show, recall and list the clothing items to win the points enhanced their linguistic skills. They not only displayed wonderful team spirit but also listed the vocabulary with the appropriate masculine and feminine form.

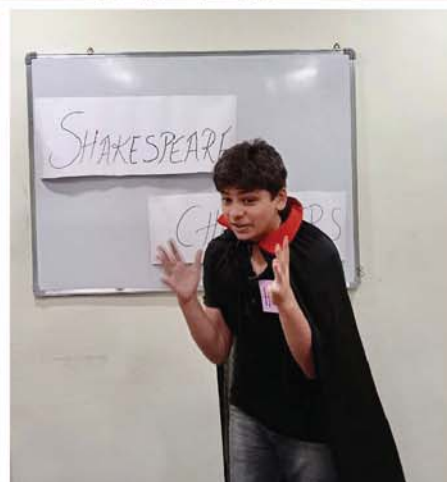


# Secondary Academic Activities

## Grade 8: English Activity Shakespeare multiverse activity

To encourage the skill of self-directed learning, students in Grade 8 participated in an activity called 'Shakespeare Multiverse'. The aim of this activity was to encourage active learning through independent reading. As part of this class activity, students were asked to choose a character from any of the Shakespeare plays and do a thorough character analysis of the same.

Some of the characters selected were Othello, Hamlet, Prospero, Juliet, Macbeth, and Constance. Learners not only dressed as their favourite characters but also delivered monologues delving deeper into the emotional turmoil presented in the scenes. Students also introduced their characters in Grades 6 and 7, explaining the significance of their roles in each play. The activity not only helped students gain a better understanding of the characters, but at the same time, it developed an interest in reading Shakespearean plays.



# Secondary Academic Activities

## Grade 6

### Science Activity

'Physics is the only real science. The rest are just stamp collecting' -  
Justifying this quote of Ernest Rutherford, Students of Grade 6 performed experiments to find the correlation between length of the pendulum and time period. Students recorded their observations and derived their conclusions. It was a great learning experience for them.



## Grade 7

### Science Activity

'Life is an experiment. Test your hypothesis'  
Students of Grade 7 enthusiastically performed experiments to learn reactivity series to check their hypothesis and confirm their observations. Students collaboratively performed reactions of different metals with water and acid. It was a great learning experience for them.





## Secondary Beyond Classroom

### Tedx talk

An insightful event with engaging and thought-provoking conversations sparked at the 4th Tedx youth event Malad on Thursday, 1 February, 2024. The programme was attended by students of the secondary section, parents, and teachers alike. Some of the discussions highlighted in the event revolved around topics such as the significance of gradebooks in defining a person, the use of chat GPT in today's day and age, and the structural changes in education 3.0. The speakers captivated the audience with their thought-provoking talks, each igniting a zeal to learn, question, and understand new perspectives on the topics discussed. The session was thought-provoking and incited the need for critical and reflective thinking among students.



## Marathi Diwas Celebration

Students of Primary celebrated Marathi Diwas on Tuesday 27 February 2024, where they were briefed about the importance of Marathi Diwas and they did various activities like in.

- Grade 1- Students danced and had fun on the Marathi Badbadgit narrated to them.
- Grade 2-Students played a sorting game on vehicles and fruit names and also sang a poem Sasa, Nach re mora.
- Grade 3- Students were divided into three groups and were given crossword puzzles on Marathi words to solve followed by singing jhuk jhuk agingadi song
- Grade 4 - students were given pictures on different seasons and they were asked to write words which they could recollect seeing those pictures about the seasons followed by singing sang sang bholanath.
- Grade 5- Students played a game where they had to guess the word on the basis of the Marathi clues given to them.



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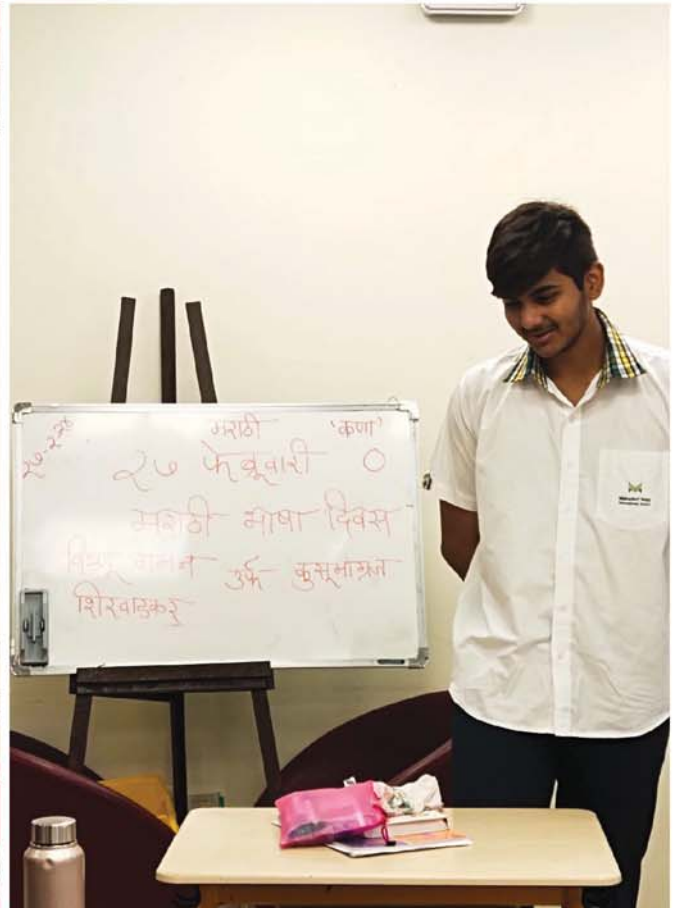
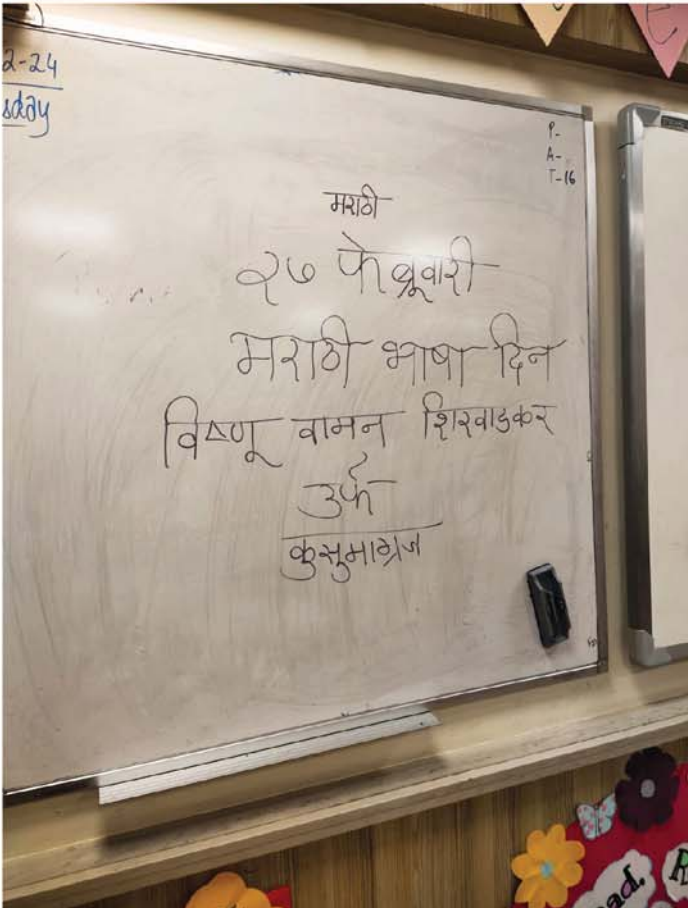
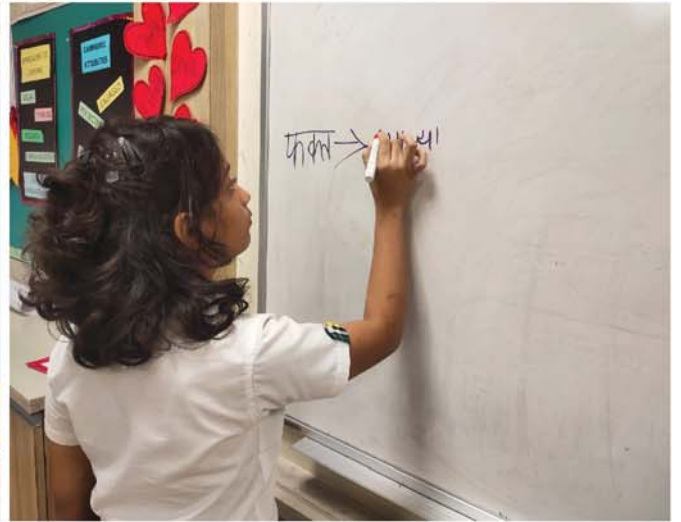
## Marathi Diwas Celebration

**Theme : Marathi Bhasha Diwas**

**Subject: Marathi**

**Day/Date: Tuesday , 27 February**

Students of Secondary celebrated Marathi Diwas on Tuesday 27th February 2024, where they were briefed about the importance of Marathi Diwas and they did various activities like in Shabdkhel, Marathi bhasheche mahatva, shabd kode. students played a game where they had to guess the word on the basis of the Marathi clues given to them



## MSSA Inter School Football Tournament

MBIS students two age categories U-8 and U-10 Boys Teams participated in the MSSA Inter School Football Tournament held in February and it was overall a good experience and exposure for the students.



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### **Celebrating Collaboration for Excellence in Sports : RSET team, Malad with St John Paul II Network of Education, Sri Lanka.**

#### **INTERNATIONAL SPORTS EXCHANGE @ MBIS**

MBIS hosted the highly prestigious inter-country football match between RSET Schools (KGES, RBHS, and MBIS) and St. John Paul II Network of Education from Sri Lanka at the PDSA ground, RSET. The event was nothing short of spectacular!

The presence of our esteemed Chief Guest, Dr. Valsan Vethody, Consul General of Sri Lanka, added an air of prestige to the occasion. The gracious presence of our Trustee, Ms Archita Saraf Rajpuria when the flags were exchanged as a symbol of friendship and camaraderie between the participating teams added a sparkle to the event. Our Principal, Dr Padmajaa S Kutty felicitated Rev. Fr. Roshan Dindika, Principal, St John Paul II Network of Education, Sri Lanka.

The U-14 Boys football match showcased exceptional talent and sportsmanship from both teams. With each team scoring 2 goals in each half, tension filled the air as the match went into penalty shots. In a nail-biting finish, RSET emerged victorious with a score of 1-0.

Dishant Borthakur, Arnev Malu, Darsh Bagadia and Kanav Sanghai [GK] were a part of the RSET team.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to both the teams for their outstanding performance and unwavering dedication throughout the match. Their passion for football was truly inspiring!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Valsan Vethody for gracing us with his presence and for his support in making this event a grand success. We also express our sincere appreciation to the St. John Paul II Network of Education for travelling all the way from Sri Lanka to participate in this prestigious match.

A special mention of Mr Moloy Sengupta for organising this event at RSET and all the coaches, teachers, staff members and parents who supported our young athletes every step of the way. Their encouragement played a crucial role in making this event a resounding success.

We were also glad to welcome Manager of the Sri Lankan team, Mr Vidanralage Sedrick Hashendra Suwaris and Mr H S N Perera, the Ex National Player of Sri Lanka, who is an AFC Licence Coach with the Sri Lanka Schools Football Association.

Let's continue to nurture our students' love for sports and provide them with opportunities to excel in their chosen fields. We look forward to many more exhilarating sporting events in the future.



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## MBIS Shines at Panache: Celebrating Our Achievements!

MOST ENTHUSIASTIC SCHOOL @ Panache!!!

MBIS leaves a mark of excellence and sportsmanship as the Most Enthusiastic School at the Inter School event, Panache organised by RBHS. Our students learnt that success is all about the valuable experiences, friendships and memories we create along the way.

Congratulations to all our Participants and all the Winners!!!

1. As the Sports Commentator, Rishit Shah (Grade 9) won the second position by showcasing his exceptional skills in the highly competitive "Off the Cuff" category. With his quick wit and insightful analysis, he captured the essence of the cricket sport and left the audience enthralled.
2. Our students wowed the judges with their knowledge of sports drinks and nutrition, securing an impressive position. Cheers to our budding nutritionist and fitness enthusiasts, Shrey Soni (Grade 6) and Evaa Maknojia (Grade 6) who bagged the second position in the Sports Café.
3. Our budding fashionistas proved that style can go hand-in-hand with sports as they triumphed in the "Sports Hairstyle" competition. Their creative hairdos added an extra flair to their performance and garnered well-deserved recognition. Good job Hair Stylist -Saanvi Vajawat, Grade 6 and Model - Aniya Vadsaria, Grade 6 who secured the Third position in Twists and Turns.

### Our students participated in various other events as follows:

- a) Sana Salunke and Aarnna Samanta, Grade 7 in Jersey designing.
- b) Lagori & Langdi: Our team displayed immense teamwork, agility, and strategic thinking throughout these traditional Indian games. They fought hard and made it all the way to the quarter-finals, leaving a lasting impression with their skillful manoeuvres.
- c) Dodgeball: In this high-energy sport, our team showcased their speed, reflexes, and coordination. They battled fiercely and secured a place in the third-place match, demonstrating true determination till the very end.



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## Inter House Cricket Competition

MBIS Cricket Extravaganza: A Spectacular show of Talent and Teamwork!

On the sunny afternoon of 23rd Friday 2024, the sports spirit was at its peak as our talented young cricketers from grades 6 to 9 showcased their skills and passion at the prestigious PDSA Ground. The air was filled with excitement and camaraderie as students competed with grit, determination, and sportsmanship.

After a series of thrilling matches that kept everyone on the edge of their seats, we are thrilled to announce the results of the Inter-House Cricket Competition:



- Ruby House emerged victorious, clinching the first position with an impressive victory by 8 wickets. Congratulations on a well-deserved win!



- Topaz House displayed exceptional teamwork and skill to secure the second position, showcasing their talent on the field.
- Sapphire House claimed the third spot, demonstrating resilience and sportsmanship throughout the competition.



A special shoutout to Emerald House for their commendable performance and competitive spirit that added an extra layer of excitement to the tournament.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all participants for their dedication, hard work, and passion for cricket. Your commitment to excellence and teamwork is truly commendable!

Let's continue to foster a culture of sportsmanship, unity, and healthy competition within our school community. Stay tuned for more thrilling sporting events ahead.





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## SEWA

It is rightly said, "When you teach, you learn twice, drawing from this, the students of Grades 8, 9, AS Level spent a wonderful afternoon implementing the Knowledge Exchange Programme under the aegis of SEWA, where the students of MBIS interacted with students of KGSS, training them in skills of ICT and conversations in English.

The students of MBIS pursued the philosophy of interactive teaching methodologies incorporating games and fun while training the students of KGSS.

Enriching sessions for students where they learnt the importance of collaborative learning and sharing knowledge.



## JUNIOR MUN CULMINATION

MUN culmination for Grades 1 to 5 was held on 24 February 2024.

The session titled "You Can Save Us!" was highly interactive and aimed to educate students on the critical importance of protecting the environment and preserving endangered species. It featured various engaging activities, including a Q&A session, video-based discussions, and an interactive game.

The delegates of Grade 1 & 2 worked together and spoke about how we can help Black Rhinos and Snowy Owls by protecting their homes, and stop cutting down forests where Black Rhinos live. The 2nd round consisted of the parents and the students being paired in groups where they had to use their imagination and present their ideas on the given topic and talk about unreal things.

The first round of the students of Grades 3 to 5 started off with the delegates sharing, analysing and sharing their ideas persuasively, both in formal speeches and informal negotiations. Reducing plastic pollution, innovation to develop eco-friendly alternatives, encouraging reforestation and afforestation were some of the topics that were highlighted and spoken about by our young delegates. The debate round kept the audience glued to their seats.

Throughout the session, participants actively participated in discussions and demonstrated a growing understanding of the urgent need for conservation efforts. Along with their creative thinking and drawing skills the students and the parents came with some really fun ideas. The session successfully conveyed the message of environmental stewardship and the collective responsibility to safeguard our planet's biodiversity.



## Secondary

### GLOBAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME [GLP] CULMINATION.

With an aim to empower students by enhancing leadership abilities and by encouraging the idea of independent learning, the MUN culmination programme was organised on Friday, February 24, 2024, at Nathmal Garodia Hall.

Dev Adhia, Viraat Podar, and Vedika Podar from Grade 6 and Himnish Saxena from Grade 8 participated with great enthusiasm as they represented four countries, India, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Afghanistan, respectively, to engage in an insightful discussion on the topic of 'Women Empowerment'.

Each delegate presented their perspectives on the aspects of equality, education, security, economic participation, and sports participation in the country, helping the participants gain a wider understanding of the current trends around the world. Apart from the insightful discussions, the participants also engaged in an interactive session with parents on "Preserving the Cultures without violating the National Laws" The conversations sparked thought-provoking exchanges, successfully establishing the purpose of the programme.

Finally, the session came to an end with a well-deserved award ceremony. Vedika Podar bagged 'The Best Speaker' award. Dev received an award for being the 'Best Collaborator'. Viraat Podar was awarded 'Best Researcher' and Himnish Saxena won 'The Best Delegate Award'.



## Teacher Enrichment Programme - Communication Skills

On Friday, 2 February 2024, teachers were enriched with skills of communication by our Guest Speaker and Communications Coach, Ms Rashmi Keswani. The programme helped to create awareness of effective communication skills on a daily basis for success in both personal and professional spheres.

### The take away was the VISA model:

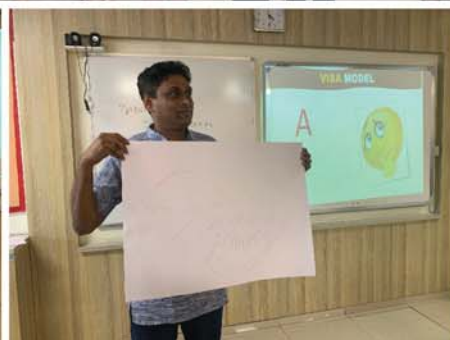
V - Visual Authority

I - Identity

S - Speaking capability

A - Attitude

Through the interactive session, teachers learnt to refine verbal and nonverbal communication and enhance our overall communication proficiency. It was a session filled with fun and team spirit, enriched with positive interactions and food for thought.



# Teacher Enrichment Programme - Books, Books, Books.

On 14th February 2024, Ms Farzana Dohadwala conducted a thought-provoking workshop for the Pre-Primary and the Primary teachers titled 'Books! Books! Books!' In this workshop teachers were given an insight as to, apart from English, how Science and Math could also be taught interestingly with the help of stories and literature.

It has been found that providing the context to mathematical problems through literature supports students' learning and books can be used to integrate Math and Literacy and to provide context for Math. For example, Marilyn Burns' books encourage kids to connect geometrical shapes they see in the story to the structures they see around them every day. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory provide a good context to learn about states of matter in Science. To sum up, it was agreed that, not only do books foster curiosity and creativity, but they also help develop empathy and a better understanding of the world around them.



# The Connecting Chapter-Book Club for our Parents

In a world bustling with digital distractions, there exists a sanctuary where minds unite, pages turn, and words weave magic – The Connecting Chapter - Book Club for Parents.

The Connecting Chapter commenced reading the book, 'Parent Shift', by Linda and TY Hatfield and Thomas Wendy Russell. This was followed by 'The Overthinking Cure' - Nick Trenton. The sessions were enriching bringing about a lot of collaboration with parents and our Librarian, Ms Liga Prabhu who takes care of the Book Club for Parents.

The parents' third book choice, 'Surrounded by Idiots' by Thomas Erikson, presents a fascinating journey into understanding human behaviour, providing priceless perspectives on the complexities of interpersonal relationships. Erikson thoroughly examines four unique personality types – Red, Yellow, Green, and Blue – unravelling the mysteries behind why we interact the way we do.

The sessions for Connecting Chapter commenced in August and shall conclude in May.

The Connecting Chapter at MBIS provides a collaborative platform to lead by example.

