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



EQ Shapes Lives as much as
IQ Shapes Grades

EXCELLENCE SPOTLIGHT

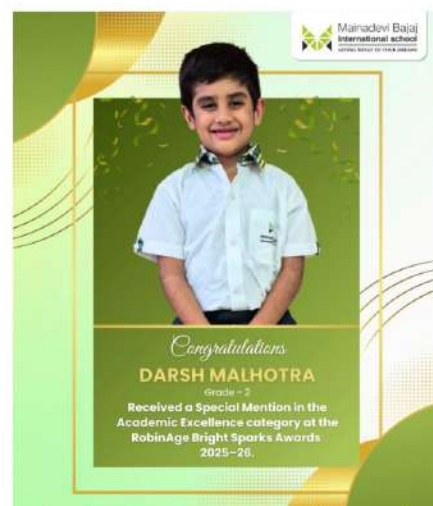
★ Celebrating Excellence

Heartiest congratulations to our young achiever! Anav Tawri of Nursery secured Rank 5 Science in Interschool MaRRs Exam.



★ PRIMARY

Darsh Malhotra Grade 2 received a Special Mention in the Academic Excellence category at the RobinAge Bright Sparks Awards 2025–26, a prestigious national platform celebrating exceptional young achievers. His accomplishment was recognised with a certificate, and his inspiring journey was also featured on the RobinAge website.



★ PRE PRIMARY

Aadvik Shrivastava, Sr Kg won the trophy for the Best Attitude on Ramp at Trashion Pe Fashion, an inter-school fashion show organised by Sanskriti Arts. Dressed as Michael Jackson, Aadvik exuded confidence, creativity and outstanding stage presence while beautifully promoting the theme of sustainability.



SOF IGKO and IMO International and Zonal Winners AY 25-26

Reyansh Jain, Grade 2 has secured Zonal Rank 2 and International Rank 2 in the SOF International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO). He was awarded the International Silver Medal, Certificate of Outstanding Performance, and a Gift Certificate for his outstanding achievement.



EXCELLENCE SPOTLIGHT

Darsh Malhotra, Grade 2 has secured Zonal Rank 7 and International Rank 11 in the SOF International General Knowledge Olympiad (IGKO). He has been awarded the Certificate of Zonal Excellence and a Gift Certificate



Rudhran Halwai, Grade 2 has been featured in Times NIE for his dedication and impact at such a young age.



Vanmahotsav – Hindi Poem Recitation Competition

Students of Grades 3, 4, and 5 participated in a Hindi Poem Recitation Competition, and promoted environmental conservation. Their expressive performances reflected their creativity, confidence and concern for a greener future.

The winners of the competition were:

Grade 3: 1st – **Richelle Adhia**; 2nd – **Kush Nathani** and **Ira Shetty**; 3rd – **Nityank Gaur**

Grade 4: 1st – **Prashasth Pareek**; 2nd – **Viha Gandhi**; 3rd – **Viaana Patil**

Grade 5: 1st – **Ariana Kamath**; 2nd – **Anay Lath**; 3rd – **Aryaman Bhatia** and **Aahana Mastakar**.



EXCELLENCE SPOTLIGHT

★ SECONDARY

Vamika Chaturvedi and **Sana Salunke**, Grade 10 received appreciation at Trashion Pe Fashion, an inter-school fashion show organised by Sanskriti Arts.



★ NURSERY

Literacy: The Journey into Literacy Begins!

Students have taken their first step in learning letters through songs, stories, and picture talk. It was heartwarming to see them identify the letter Aa, say its sound, colour an aeroplane, practise the correct crayon grip, and colour neatly within the picture.



★ JR KG

Numeracy: Counting Fun with Dominoes!

Students enthusiastically participated in a fun and engaging numeracy activity where they identified the given numbers and matched them with the correct domino pieces, strengthening their number recognition and counting skills.



★ SR KG

Numeracy: Exploring the Cube!

Students had fun exploring the cube through an engaging hands-on activity. Using a large dice, they learnt about its faces, edges, and vertices. They then coloured a cube net with creative doodles and assembled it into a 3D cube. This enjoyable activity strengthened their understanding of the cube while enhancing their creativity, fine motor skills, and spatial awareness.



★ PRIMARY

Grade 1

Math : Understanding Place Value

In a hands-on activity, students were given a three-digit number to place the correct number of beads on the Hundreds, Tens, and Ones rods according to the value of each digit. This interactive activity strengthened their understanding of place value and helped them confidently identify the value of each digit.



Grade 3

French: Exploring the Wonders of France!

Students participated in an interactive group activity to explore the famous landmarks and cultural treasures of France. Working in teams, they assembled puzzles of well-known French monuments, paintings and other cultural symbols, identified them and wrote their names in French. They then presented their work to the class, making the activity a fun and collaborative way to enhance their understanding of French culture and heritage.



Grade 5

Science: Exploring the Human Body!

Students had an exciting visit to the Biology Lab, where they explored the wonders of the human body. They observed a life-sized skeleton and learnt about important organs such as the heart, lungs, brain, and stomach. This hands-on experience sparked curiosity and made learning about the human body both engaging and memorable.



Grade 2

French: From Letters to Words – Discovering French!

Students learnt the French alphabet through an engaging and interactive activity. They picked random alphabet flashcards, identified the letters in French, and learnt French words associated with each letter. The activity made learning enjoyable while strengthening their vocabulary and pronunciation.



Grade 4

French: Act It, Guess It, Learn It!

Students participated in a fun and interactive ER Verb Charades activity. This engaging activity encouraged active participation, reinforced students' understanding of ER verbs, and provided an enjoyable way to revise vocabulary through movement and teamwork.



★ SECONDARY

Lower Secondary: Grades 6 to 8 and IGCSE: Reopening Day Highlights

The reopening day began with excitement, smiles and a warm welcome as students stepped into the new academic year. Homeroom teachers engaged students through ice-breaking activities, fun games and interactive conversations. These experiences helped students build friendships, confidence, and a sense of belonging, creating a positive start to the year ahead.



Lower Secondary: Grade 6 : Hindi - Slogan writing

The Hindi Slogan Writing Activity focused on environmental awareness and good health. Through meaningful slogans and vibrant posters, students explored themes such as saving trees, conserving water, and maintaining healthy lifestyles. The activity encouraged creativity, language development, and responsible expression through the art of weaving impactful Hindi words.



Lower Secondary: Grade 8: Global Perspectives: Perspective Station

An engaging activity called Perspective Station witnessed our learners explore different issues through thought-provoking questions at various stations and shared their viewpoints through discussions. The activity encouraged critical thinking, respectful listening and an appreciation for diverse perspectives, helping learners understand that situations can be viewed in multiple ways.



Lower Secondary: Grade 8 Chemistry in Everyday Life

Grade 8 students explored Chemistry in everyday life by identifying elements present in objects around them, including nature and their surroundings. Through observations and an exciting electronic configuration relay activity, students strengthened their scientific thinking and teamwork skills. The activity fostered curiosity and demonstrated the Cambridge Learner Attribute of being Inquisitive.



IGCSE: Grade 9: English vocabulary and speaking activity

Grade 9 students brought a creative twist to the FIFA fever through an engaging language challenge that strengthened vocabulary and communication skills. Working in teams, students bid for football players using descriptive vocabulary, idioms, and persuasive language. The activity concluded with a lively debate where teams defended their squads, developing confidence, teamwork, and effective speaking skills.



EXPANDING HORIZONS

★ PRIMARY AND SECONDARY

Student Council Election: From Campaigns to Ballots, One Vote at a Time!

This provided students with an opportunity to develop leadership qualities, discover their potential and contribute meaningfully to the school community. Contesting candidates addressed voters in a preliminary round and campaigned through posters and interactions with their peers during breaks. The election concluded with a democratic digital voting process, where students from Grades 1 to A Levels cast their votes through an online Google Form, followed by the announcement of the newly elected Student Council.



EXPANDING HORIZONS

★ PRE PRIMARY & PRIMARY AND SECONDARY

Nature Trail to Sanjay Gandhi National Park: Pre-Primary (Jr. KG & Sr. KG) and Primary (Grades 1 to 5)

Dressed in colourful raincoats, our learners explored the lush green surroundings, enjoyed a joyful toy train ride, and delighted in spotting birds, playful monkeys, and graceful deer. The Primary students also experienced the thrilling Lion and Tiger Safari, while a refreshing riverside walk in the rain added to the monsoon magic. Filled with laughter, curiosity, adventure, and learning, the trip was a wonderful opportunity for our young explorers to connect with nature and create unforgettable memories.



EXPANDING HORIZONS

Lower Secondary: Grades 6 to 8: Nature Trail to Karnala Bird Sanctuary

Our learners explored biodiversity and connected with nature. They observed native birds, learnt about conservation, and enjoyed the beauty of the surroundings. The excursion blended learning, exploration, and adventure while creating lasting memories and encouraging environmental responsibility.



EXPANDING HORIZONS

IGCSE: Grades 9 to A Levels: Into the Wild – Nature Trail to Lohia Farms

Students from Grades 9 to A Levels enjoyed an enriching nature trail to Wada, Palghar. They explored rural landscapes, trekked scenic trails, admired a waterfall, and experienced village life. The excursion encouraged teamwork, resilience, and environmental awareness while providing a refreshing learning experience beyond the classroom.



★ PRIMARY

Vanmahotsav: Nurturing Nature, One Painting at a Time

Students of Grades 1 and 2 watched an informative video on the origin and significance of Vanmahotsav. The session helped them understand the vital role trees play in sustaining life and inspired them to care for the environment. They then enthusiastically participated in a tree-painting activity, creating colourful artworks that beautifully conveyed the message, Plant Trees, Save Trees.



Shin EduPower : A Japanese Programme: Inspiring Young Minds

In an interactive Shin EduPower session led by Mr. Takehiro, our learners strengthened their logical thinking, creativity, communication, collaboration, teamwork, self-discipline and problem-solving skills Through hands-on activities, puzzles, and collaborative challenges, while discovering that learning can be both engaging and enjoyable. The session sparked curiosity, confidence, perseverance and a love for learning, making it a truly enriching experience for all.



EXPANDING HORIZONS

★ SECONDARY

Grades AS and A Levels: Visit to ATLAS SkillTech University

Our learners of AS and A Levels visited ATLAS SkillTech University, Mumbai, for an enriching educational experience. Students explored multidisciplinary programmes in design, technology, business, entrepreneurship and law through presentations, campus tours and interactive sessions. The visit provided valuable insights into higher education pathways, industry collaborations, and career opportunities, inspiring students to explore future possibilities.



IGCSE: Grade 9 to A Levels: Masterclass on Financial Literacy

Students from Grades 9 to A Level attended an engaging Financial Literacy Masterclass led by guest speaker Dr Kitty Rana. Learners explored key concepts such as saving, investing, diversification, and banking fundamentals through interactive discussions. The session enhanced their financial awareness and equipped them with essential skills to make informed decisions for their future.



EXPANDING HORIZONS

★ Lower Secondary: Grades 6 to A Levels: Bastille Day Celebration

An Inter House Fashion Show accompanied with a Quiz Competition was organised, bringing French culture to life. The Fashion Show, themed Mumbai Monsoon and Parisian Winter, showcased students' creativity and confidence, while the quiz enhanced their knowledge of France. The event concluded with the announcement of the winners by our judges Mme. Samantha Nouvel who is the Press and Public Affairs Officer at the Consulate General of France in Mumbai and Mme. Viral Thakker who is an examiner and corrector of the world-renowned French certifications DELF and DALF.



★ PRE PRIMARY

Building Strong Foundations Together: Parent Orientation Session

An enriching Parent Orientation Session for Pre-Primary parents was conducted by Ms. Smriti Agarwal, Founder Director of Shiksha Sutra, author, ECCE pedagogy and content evangelist, and teacher mentor. The session introduced parents to the philosophy of the Pre-Primary curriculum, highlighting how young children learn best through play, stories, songs, exploration, and meaningful experiences. Parents also received practical tips on creating a positive learning environment at home and supporting their child's holistic development. The interactive session strengthened the home-school partnership, reaffirming the shared commitment to providing every child with a joyful and meaningful learning journey.



ENERGISING ECOSYSTEM

★ PRIMARY: Parent Orientation Session

Bridging Ancient Wisdom and Modern Classrooms

Shri Hemarūpa Caitanya Dāsa, Head of the Education Department at Govardhan Ecovillage introduced the 5 Koshas framework for holistic child development. His session highlighted how nurturing a child's physical, energetic, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual well-being can build resilience, confidence, and lasting happiness alongside academic success.

The 5 Koshas at a Glance

1. **Annamaya Kosha** – Supports physical health and well-being.
2. **Pranamaya Kosha** – Strengthens energy, breathing, and emotional regulation.
3. **Manomaya Kosha** – Nurtures emotions, thoughts, and healthy sensory habits.
4. **Vijnanamaya Kosha** – Develops wisdom, critical thinking and discernment.
5. **Anandamaya Kosha** – Connects children with inner peace, joy and their true self.

The session concluded with a reminder that true education goes beyond academics, encouraging parents to nurture every dimension of a child's growth for lifelong well-being.



ENERGISING ECOSYSTEM

★ Secondary : Parent Orientation Session

The Parent Orientation Programme welcomed Chief Guest Sri Hemarupa Caitanya Dasaji, Head of the Education Department at Govardhan Ecovillage. In an insightful session, he explored the four parenting styles:

1. The Absent parent
2. The Friend parent
3. The Boss parent
4. The Coach parent

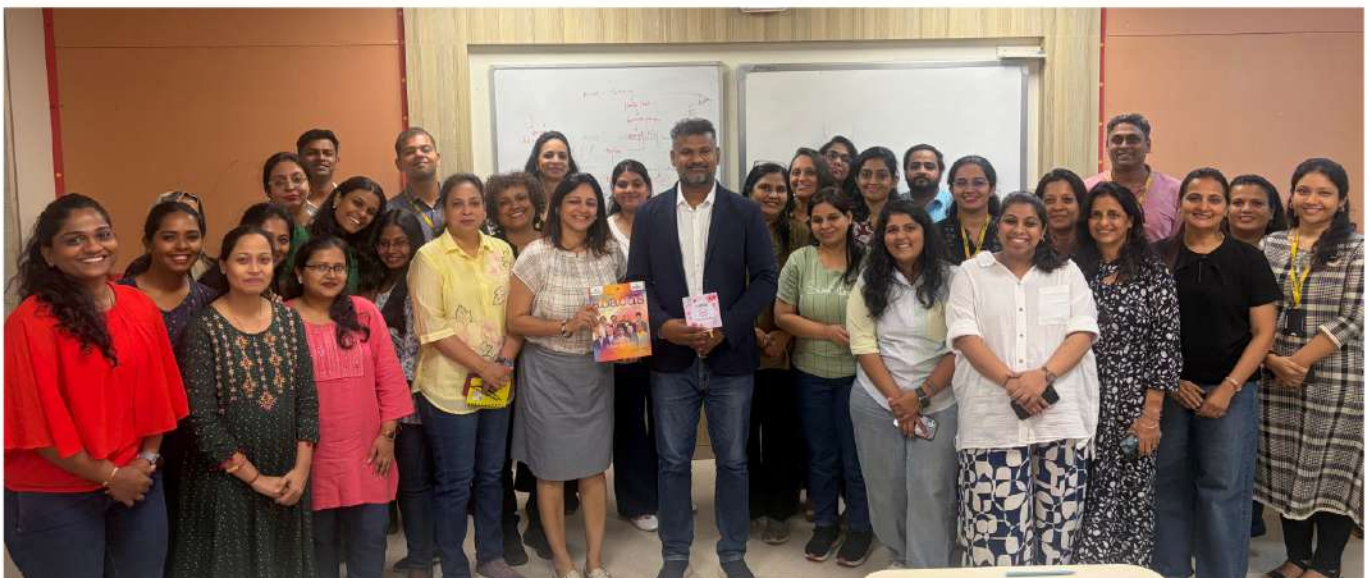
Reiterating that as parents we need to shift gears as per the situation, while emphasizing the importance of adapting approaches to different situations. Parents gained practical insights to nurture their children's holistic growth, reinforcing MBIS's commitment to a strong school home partnership.



Teacher Enrichment Programme : PRE PRIMARY, PRIMARY & SECONDARY

AI in Education by Willibrod George

Mr Willibrod George is a National Award-winning education innovator, podcaster, and fractional school coach with 20+ years of experience transforming schools through technology, leadership, and learning science. Mr Willibrod's session unlocked the power of AI in education, showing us practical ways to transform lessons into experiences that are useful, fun, and truly engaging. Through hands-on exploration on our phones, we didn't just learn about AI tools, we lived them, turning everyday resources into creative, student-centered magic. He made innovation feel simple and beautiful, proving that when teachers embrace AI, classrooms become spaces where curiosity leads and learning comes alive. We left not just with new skills, but with a mindset to keep exploring, experimenting, and bringing something beautiful into our classrooms every day.



ENERGISING ECOSYSTEM

★ PRE PRIMARY & PRIMARY

The Hidden Curriculum – The Teacher's Influence Beyond the Lesson

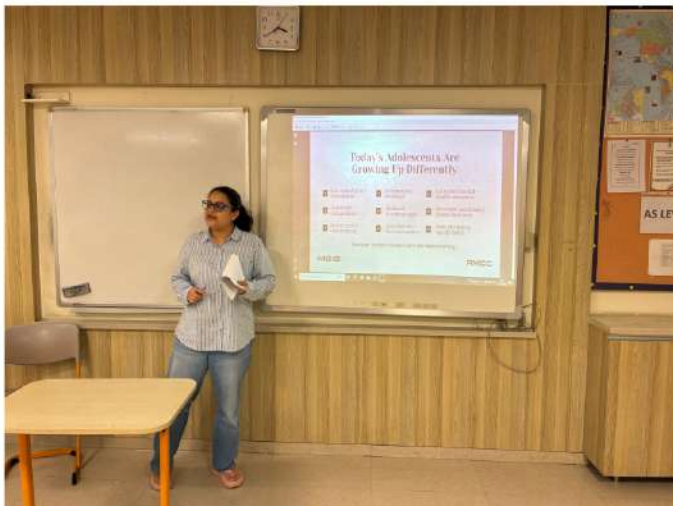
To promote student wellbeing through empowered educators, the Wellbeing Faculty, Ms. Kishita Gala, conducted a Teacher Enrichment Workshop for the Prep and Primary faculty titled "The Hidden Curriculum – The Teacher's Influence Beyond the Lesson." The interactive session encouraged teachers to understand children's behaviour through a developmental lens while exploring practical, classroom-friendly strategies to support learning. Through reflective discussions on developmental milestones, emotional regulation, brain-based learning, and the hidden curriculum, teachers gained valuable insights into how their language, actions, and everyday interactions positively influence a child's growth and development, reaffirming the significant impact they have beyond academic instruction.

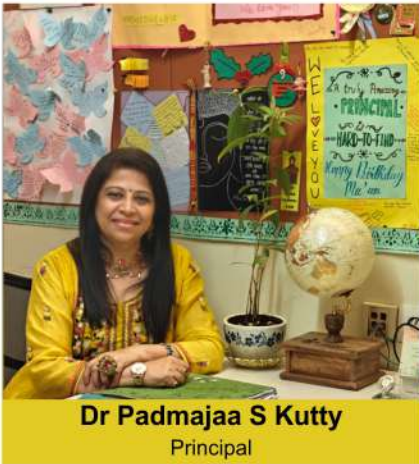


★ Secondary Teacher Enrichment Programme

Beyond Behaviour – Understanding Adolescents to Build Engagement, Responsibility & Respect

As part of the ongoing Teacher Enrichment initiative at MBIS, the Wellbeing Faculty, Ms. Kishita Gala, conducted a professional development workshop for the Middle Years and Senior School faculty titled "Beyond Behaviour: The Changing Adolescent, The Evolving Teacher." The interactive session encouraged educators to look beyond classroom behaviours and gain a deeper understanding of the developmental, emotional, and social needs of today's adolescents. Through reflective discussions on adolescent brain development, emotional regulation, executive functioning, and the hidden curriculum, teachers explored how their communication, relationships, and everyday interactions





Dr Padmajaa S Kutty
Principal

Partnering for Success: Our Shared Journey to Excellence

Dear MBIS Family,

A warm welcome to the AY 2026-2027-together, let's make this year one of joy, purpose and achievement.

When I walk through the MBIS corridors, I don't just see textbooks and timetables. I see curiosity in a Grade 1 child asking "why?", I see courage in a Grade 6 student standing up to speak, and I see compassion in our AS Level students planning MBIMUN 2.0.

True education is not about how much information we can pour in. It is about teaching children how to think, how to question, how to work together, and how to care.

Whether it is through integrated learning in Pre-Primary, cognitive flexibility in our Japanese SHIN Edupower Programme or through service in our new Clubs – every experience is designed to build not just scholars, but good human beings.

To our parents: Thank you for trusting us with your children; we are honoured to partner with you.

To our students: thank you for reminding us every day why this work matters.

To our teachers: thank you for being the ones who ignite the fire.

Over the years, the **3Ls – Lifelong Learning Lessons** have been a familiar part of my messages in the MBIS Newsletter, reflecting our shared belief that education is a journey that extends far beyond the classroom.

As we step into a new academic year, I would like to take a slightly different approach. This year, let's look **Together, towards new horizons**, guided by three simple yet powerful ideas: **Grow, Give and Guide - the 3Gs**.

Grow – because learning is a continuous journey. We want our students to grow not only in knowledge and skills, but also in confidence, character, curiosity and resilience. As a school community, we too must continue to learn, adapt and evolve.

Give – because true growth becomes meaningful when it extends beyond ourselves. We want to nurture young people who understand the value of kindness, empathy, responsibility and service; students who are willing to give their time, talents and care to make a difference in the lives of others.

Guide – because true leadership begins with the ability to guide others. We want our students to step into the world with confidence, clarity and compassion, equipped not only to make thoughtful choices for themselves but also to support, inspire and guide those around them. Through the guidance they receive today at MBIS, we hope to empower them to become tomorrow's role models, mentors and leaders—young people who can navigate their own paths while helping others find theirs.

3Gs – Grow. Give. Guide.

Growing as individuals, giving to others, and guiding the world with confidence.

The **3Gs are not three separate ideas, but three parts of one shared vision**. When we grow, we become better equipped to give. When we give, we inspire others. And when we guide, we help create a community where everyone has the opportunity to flourish.

This year, through my messages in the MBIS Newsletter, I look forward to exploring these three themes with you – sharing reflections, celebrating our collective journey and, most importantly, strengthening the partnership between **school, students and parents**.

Let us move forward **together, with purpose and possibility**, as we **Grow, Give and Guide** our way **together, towards new horizons**.

Here's to a year of growth, generosity and guidance – and to the many new horizons we will discover together.

"Learning gives creativity. Creativity leads to thinking. Thinking provides knowledge. Only knowledge will make you great."

- Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam