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Principal's Message

Dear Students,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fantastic summer filled with fun, relaxation, and memorable experiences. As we start this new school year, I am excited to see your smiling faces and to embark on this journey of learning and growth together.


Let's set our sights high and aim for excellence in everything we do. Remember that success is built on a foundation of discipline, neatness, respect, and kindness. Stay focused on your goals, manage your time wisely, and always strive to do your best. Take pride in your work and your surroundings, keeping your study areas clean and organized. Show respect to your teachers, classmates, and yourself.

Listen actively, speak kindly, and appreciate the diverse perspectives within our school community. Be kind to one another; small acts of kindness can make a big difference in someone's day. Support your peers, offer help when needed, and always be ready to lend a friendly hand. Each of you has the potential to achieve great things this year.

Believe in yourself, stay dedicated, and don't hesitate to seek help when needed. We are all here to support each other, and together, we can make this year truly remarkable. Let's make this school year one filled with curiosity, creativity, and collaboration.

Welcome back, and let's get started on making wonderful memories and achieving our goals!

Warm regards,
Aditi Roy



Editor's Message

The Art of Being a Good Listener

In this bustling world of constant communication, we often overlook one of the most important skills we can develop: being a good listener.

Listening is more than just hearing words. It's about understanding and connecting with the speaker on a deeper level. Being present is crucial. Put away distractions, make eye contact, and give the speaker your full attention. This shows respect and makes the other person feel valued. Empathy also plays a key role. Trying to understand the speaker's feelings and perspectives fosters trust and strengthens relationships. It's important to avoid interrupting and let the speaker finish their thoughts before responding, allowing for more thoughtful and meaningful conversations. Showing your interest by asking questions can clarify and deepen your understanding. Reflecting and responding thoughtfully demonstrates that you have genuinely listened and understood the message.

Good listening skills are crucial for building strong relationships, both in and out of school. They help us learn more, connect better, and resolve conflicts more effectively. As we continue this school year, let's all strive to become better listeners and create a more supportive and understanding community.

Happy reading, and here's to becoming great listeners!

Warm regards,
Ms Usha

English Poem Recitation

The English Poem Recitation Inter-House Activity held on 20.04.2024 was a testament to the talent and eloquence of the students of Classes 9 and 10. The theme chosen for this activity was "Gratitude," inviting participants to delve into the depths of appreciation and thankfulness through poetic expression. Each house was represented by a single student, making it a display of individual prowess and house pride. The activity commenced with an air of anticipation as students, teachers, and guests gathered in the school ground. The three-minute time limit challenged the participants to be concise yet impactful in their delivery, resulting in performances that were both engaging and thought-provoking. Each student captivated the audience with their heartfelt rendition, leaving a lasting impression on all present.



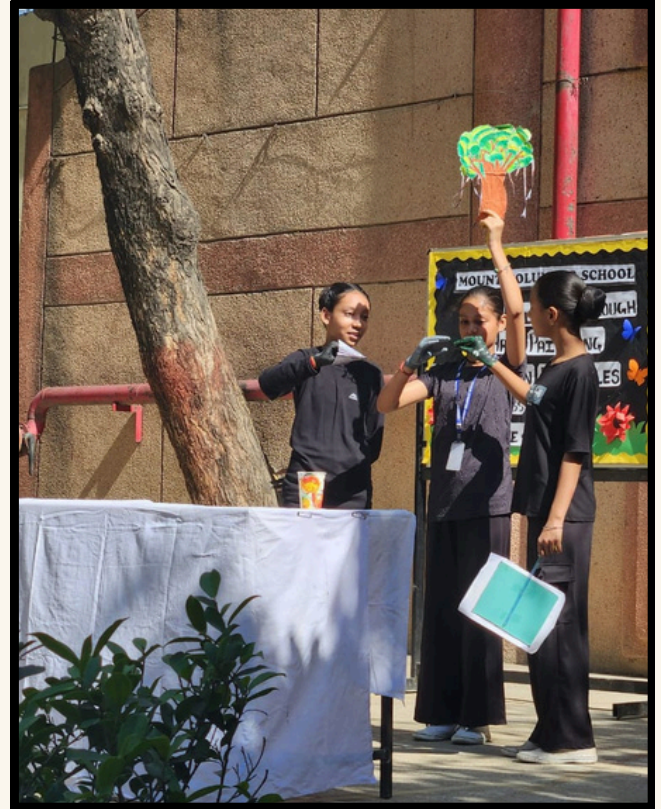
Each participant demonstrated exceptional talent and dedication, making the decision a challenging one for the judges. However, the winners stood out for their outstanding performances, embodying the spirit of gratitude with sincerity and finesse.

The English Poem Recitation Inter-House Activity was a resounding success, thanks to the enthusiasm and commitment of the participants, organizers, and audience members. Through the medium of poetry, the students not only showcased their literary skills but also reminded us of the importance of gratitude in our daily lives. The activity served as a platform for self-expression, creativity, and cultural exchange, fostering a sense of unity and camaraderie among the houses.



STORY TELLING THROUGH HAND PAINTING

The Inter-House Storytelling through Hand Painting Activity held on 24.04.2024 was a celebration of creativity, culture, and storytelling prowess among students of Classes VI to VIII. The theme chosen for this competition was "Indian Folk Tales," inviting participants to narrate captivating stories through the medium of hand painting. Each house was represented by a group of 4 to 5 students, adding an element of teamwork and collaboration to the event. The activity unfolded in a vibrant display of colors, as students brought to life the rich tapestry of Indian folklore through their intricate hand paintings. Each group took turns on stage, accompanied by a narrator who skillfully wove the tale while the artists painted scenes depicting key moments and characters. .



The synchronization between the narration and the hand painting added a layer of depth and immersion to the storytelling experience, transporting the audience to the enchanting world of Indian folk tales.

Each group demonstrated exceptional creativity and teamwork, making the decision a challenging one for the judges. However, the winners stood out for their innovative storytelling approach, artistic finesse, and ability to transport the audience into the magical realm of Indian folklore. The Inter-House Storytelling through Hand Painting Activity was a spectacular showcase of talent, imagination, and cultural heritage.



DANCE COMPETITION

The Inter-House Dance Competition held on 29.04.2024 was a dynamic display of talent, creativity, and teamwork among students of Classes III to V. With the theme "Power of Earth, Wind, and Air," the competition invited participants to showcase their skills in dance while exploring the elemental forces that shape our world. Each house was represented by a group of 4 to 5 students, adding a sense of camaraderie and collective spirit to the event.

The audience came alive with energy and excitement as the young dancers took to the stage, ready to weave their magic through movement and music. Each group presented a unique interpretation of the theme, incorporating elements of earth, wind, and air into their choreography.



The performances were a delightful fusion of creativity, storytelling, and technical skill, as the students brought to life the elemental forces through their expressive dance routines. From the gentle sway of leaves in the wind to the powerful tremors of an earthquake, the dancers captivated the audience with their emotive performances and synchronized movements. Despite the maximum time limit of 6 minutes, the dancers made every moment count, delivering performances that were both captivating and mesmerizing. The seamless coordination between the group members, coupled with their infectious enthusiasm, added to the overall charm and appeal of the event.



FABLE-O-TALE

The Inter-House Fable-O-Tale Activity held on 13.05.2024 was a delightful showcase of storytelling prowess and creativity among students of Classes III to V. With the theme of "Gratitude," participants were tasked with weaving enchanting tales that conveyed the importance of appreciation and thankfulness. Each house was represented by a single student, highlighting the individual storytelling talents of the participants. The audience buzzed with anticipation as the young storytellers took center stage, ready to transport the audience into the realms of imagination and wonder. With a maximum performance time of 4 minutes, each participant captivated the audience with their unique fable or tale of gratitude.



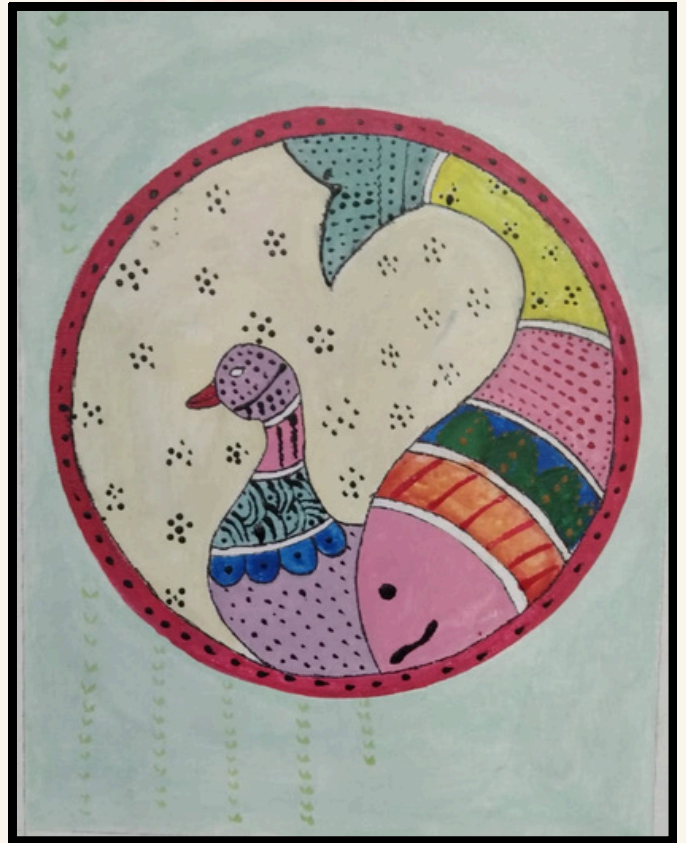
The stories ranged from whimsical fables featuring anthropomorphic animals to heartfelt narratives centered around themes of kindness and appreciation. Through their storytelling prowess, the students conveyed powerful messages about the importance of gratitude in our lives, inspiring both young and old alike. Despite the time constraint, the participants showcased remarkable creativity and ingenuity, infusing their stories with vivid imagery, memorable characters, and heartfelt emotion. The audience was enthralled as they embarked on a journey of discovery and enlightenment, guided by the captivating narratives woven by the young storytellers. Each participant demonstrated exceptional talent and creativity, making the decision a challenging one for the judges. However, the winners stood out for their ability to craft compelling narratives that resonated deeply with the audience, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended.



GOND ART

The Inter-House Gond Art Activity held on 18.05.2024 was a celebration of creativity, culture, and artistic expression among students of Classes IX and X. Gond art, with its vibrant colors and intricate patterns, served as the focal point of this competition, inviting participants to showcase their skills in this traditional Indian art form. Each house was represented by a team of two students, adding a collaborative element to the event. With a maximum performance time of 80 minutes, each house set out to create a masterpiece that captured the essence of Gond art while incorporating their own unique flair and style.

Gond art, with its characteristic use of intricate patterns, vibrant colors, and storytelling motifs, provided the perfect canvas for the students to express themselves creatively.



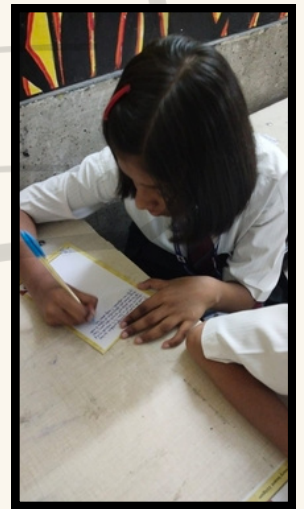
Armed with brushes, paints, and boundless imagination, the participants transformed blank canvases into stunning works of art, each telling its own story and reflecting the cultural heritage of India. Throughout the competition, the air was filled with the rhythmic sound of brushes against canvas as the students meticulously crafted their compositions. From traditional Gond motifs inspired by nature and folklore to contemporary interpretations that explored themes of identity and social change, the artworks showcased a diverse range of styles and perspectives.



PAPERVATION

In recognition of the invaluable contributions of mothers and to celebrate their unwavering support, JK PAPER presented PAPERVATION - an innovative paper competition. This event, scheduled on May 9, 2024, took place within the premises of our school. It aimed to provide a platform for students to express their gratitude and appreciation for their mothers through the art of letter writing. The Letter to My Supermom competition is a heartfelt tribute to the selfless love and sacrifices of mothers. Students had the opportunity to pen down their thoughts, emotions, and appreciation for their mothers. The competition not only encouraged creativity in expression but also fostered a deeper connection between students and their mothers as they reflected on their relationship and the impact of maternal influence.

As we anticipated the PAPERVATION competition, we invited all students from Classes 6-8 to participate wholeheartedly and seize this opportunity to express their love and appreciation for their mothers. All the students came together to celebrate the essence of motherhood and the profound role that mothers play in shaping our lives. With JK PAPER's support, let us embark on this journey of gratitude and reflection, honoring the extraordinary women who inspire and guide us every day.



DEBATE

The Inter-House Debate Activity held on 20.05.2024 was a thought-provoking exploration of the impact of social media on teenage mental health. With the theme "Social Media: Responsible for Increasing Levels of Anxiety & Depression Among Teenagers," students of Classes VI to VIII engaged in spirited debates, presenting arguments for and against the motion. Each house was represented by a team of two to three students, fostering collaborative discussion and critical thinking. The competition ground buzzed with anticipation as the young debaters took their positions, ready to present their arguments with conviction and eloquence. With a maximum performance time of 4 minutes, each team had the opportunity to articulate their stance on the motion and counter arguments presented by the opposing team.

The debates were characterized by rigorous research, logical reasoning, and persuasive rhetoric as students delved into the complex relationship between social media usage and mental health outcomes among teenagers. Proponents argued that social media platforms exacerbate feelings of anxiety and depression through cyberbullying, unrealistic body image standards, and constant comparison with peers. Opponents countered with arguments highlighting the positive aspects of social media, such as online support communities, educational resources, and opportunities for self-expression. Each house demonstrated exceptional skill and preparation, making the decision a challenging one for the judges. However, the winners stood out for their compelling arguments, eloquent delivery, and ability to engage with the complexities of the topic at hand.



NRITYABUZZ

The NrityaBuzz Columbian Dance Festival 2024, powered by DanceX, was an exhilarating celebration of Colombian dance and culture. This six-day festival featured a mix of traditional and contemporary dance performances, interactive workshops, and cultural exhibitions.

The festival began on May 13 with a grand inauguration featuring professional dancers. Daily performances by renowned solo artists showcased diverse Colombian dance styles.

Interactive workshops, led by professional dancers, catered to all skill levels, offering a deep dive into the rich cultural heritage of Colombian dance.



Experts judged a solo dance competition open to all ages.

The festival concluded on May 18 with a grand finale, featuring top artists and an awards ceremony for competition winners.

The NrityaBuzz Columbian Dance Festival 2024 was a cultural extravaganza that enthralled dance enthusiasts and cultural aficionados. With DanceX powering the event, participants and spectators experienced an unforgettable celebration of dance and culture.





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