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Activities

Treasure Out of Trash

October 4, 2024

A 'Treasure Out of Trash' activity was organised for Grade 2 students to promote awareness about preserving the environment through reusing and recycling waste materials.

Students brought various items from home, including newspapers, old CDs, plastic bottles, ropes, ice cream sticks, bangles, and shoeboxes, to create unique crafts. They made beautiful bottle vases, wall hangings, greeting cards, utility boxes, toys, and even paper jewellery. The session was a joyful exercise in creativity, inspiring students to see waste in a new light and nurturing a sense of responsibility toward the planet.

Cleanliness Drive

October 7, 2024

The school organised a cleanliness drive to honour the memories of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation. The event was held on the school campus, encompassing Gandhiji's vision of cleanliness and self-discipline.

The day began with an assembly where students presented speeches and recited poems, reflecting on the values and vision of Mahatma Gandhi.

Towards the end of the day, students from all classes actively participated in decluttering their classrooms and cleaning the campus. They worked together to segregate waste into discardable and recyclable categories.

The drive, a tribute to Gandhiji's ideals, reinforced the importance of maintaining cleanliness and sustainability in daily life.



Activities

Diwali Craft Activity

October 11, 2024

A Diwali Craft Activity was organised at school for students from all grades to celebrate the festival with creativity and enthusiasm.

Students crafted various Diwali-themed items, including wall and door decorations, lanterns, and beautifully painted diyas.

They also took the opportunity to express their gratitude to the soldiers protecting our nation by making heartfelt Diwali cards to send to them.

The activity added a special touch to the festivities, with the students honouring tradition and showing appreciation for our brave soldiers.



Mandala Colouring Activity

October 11, 2024

A Mandala Colouring Activity was organised for the pre-primary students, aimed at enhancing their understanding of colour and symmetry while improving their creativity, concentration, and fine motor skills.

Each student received a mandala worksheet and filled the intricate patterns with colours of their choice, creating beautiful patterns. The activity provided an engaging experience, allowing the young students to explore artistic expression while developing essential skills.



Activities

Class Decoration Activity October 18, 2024

A Class Decoration Activity was held across the school premises, where students from all grades came together to celebrate the festive season with unity and joy.

Each class, along with corridors and common areas, was adorned with beautiful Diwali-themed crafts created by the students themselves. Their handmade decorations, including vibrant lanterns, wall hangings, and diyas, brought a festive atmosphere to the school.

The activity united the students and staff in a sense of togetherness and pride while providing students a chance to showcase their creativity, making the school a warm and welcoming space for Diwali.



Activities

Videshi Se Swadeshi

October 19, 2024

At Mar Coorilos Hall, students from Grades 3 and 4 presented an inspiring Hindi play "Videshi se Swadeshi," aimed at instilling the importance of supporting locally made products.

Through their laudable performance, the young actors conveyed the value of choosing goods made in our own country.

Adding to the message, Vrinda Saxena from Grade 5 delivered a thoughtful speech, highlighting the benefits of self-reliance and pride in local craftsmanship.



Competitions

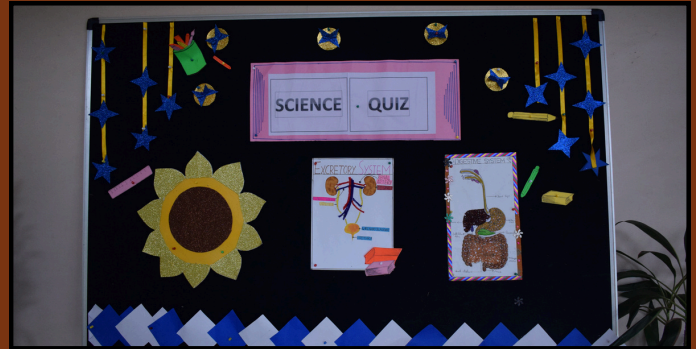
Science Quiz

October 7 and 17, 2024

Science Quiz was organised in Mar Coorilos Hall to test students' aptitude for science and foster a scientific temperament in them. Sixty students from Grades 3 to 5, shortlisted from an initial 520 participants in the first round held on July 11, 2024, took part in the second round on October 7.

This round challenged students with application-based questions drawn from their curriculum. Twelve students advanced to the final round on October 17, which focused on their knowledge of the human body.

After a thrilling final round, Arjun Pethe (Grade 5), Pari Jadhav (Grade 4), and Aayansh Barik (Grade 3) emerged as the winners.



English Poem Recitation

October 11, 2024

An English Poem Recitation was held in Mar Coorilos Hall for the Pre-primary students, aiming to nurture their understanding of rhyme, rhythm, and an appreciation for poetry.

The young participants recited a selection of English poems and were evaluated on their confidence, voice modulation, memorisation, and overall presentation. This event provided an enjoyable platform for students to build language skills while expressing themselves creatively.



Competitions

Folk Dance Competition

October 18, 2024

A folk dance competition was held in Mar Coorilos Hall, celebrating the diverse culture of India.

Students from Grades 1 to 5 showcased solo performances of various Indian folk dances, captivating the audience with their energy and grace.

Each performance highlighted the unique traditions and rich cultural heritage of different regions of India.

Students competed with each other to display their dancing and their appreciation for their traditions, making the event a memorable and joyous celebration.



Spell Bee Competition

October 18 and 19, 2024

The Spell Bee Competition, part of the Strategic Language Enhancement Programme (SLEP) by SpellBee International, was conducted in the school to enhance students' English vocabulary and language skills. A total of 270 students from Grades 1 to 9 participated, testing their linguistic abilities and language mastery.

SIP Maths Exam

October 21, 2024

The SIP Maths Exam, a math aptitude test for all the students from Grades 1 to 5, was held at school to assess their skills in mental math and complex calculations. This exam aimed to assess the students' numerical abilities and accuracy in mathematical problem-solving.

Competitions

Silverzone Examinations October 21–23, 2024

The Silverzone Foundation, known for its assessments in a variety of subjects, conducted its Hindi, Computer Science, and General Knowledge exams from October 21, 22, and 23, respectively. On October 21, 21 students participated in the Hindi exam, followed by 41 students attempting the Computer Science exam on October 22, and 42 students appearing for the General Knowledge exam on October 23. These assessments provided students with a better understanding of subjects through their customised reference material and also assessed their competencies.



Events and Celebrations

Navratri Celebration

October 11, 2024

A lively and fun-filled Navratri celebration was held at school, bringing together the festive spirit of students and staff alike.

The pre-primary students crafted colourful paper dandiya and enjoyed dancing to lively Dandiya and Garba tunes and a mix of folk and Bollywood songs. They enjoyed an excitement-filled day with their classmates.

Later, after the students had dispersed, the staff gathered for a cheerful celebration of their own, matching steps to popular Garba music and sharing some quality time together.



Events and Celebrations

Festival of Lights Celebration October 24, 2024

A short cultural programme celebrating Deepawali, the Festival of Lights, was held in the school's open auditorium. Students from Pre-primary, Grade 5, and Grade 7 organised a delightful event to capture the essence of Diwali. The programme featured inspiring speeches, festive songs, lively dance performances, and a skit, all highlighting the traditions and joys associated with Diwali. This celebration provided students with a deeper understanding of the festival's significance and a deeper appreciation for cultural heritage.



Events and Celebrations

Open House for Midterm Examination Results October 25, 2024

An Open House was held on October 25, 2024, for parents across all grades to review and discuss the results of the Midterm Examinations. Parents met with teachers to gain insight into their children's performance, with a focus on identifying areas of strength and areas needing improvement.

This constructive interaction provided a valuable opportunity for parents and teachers to collaborate on supporting each student's academic progress, ensuring a well-rounded approach to learning and development.



Book Fair October 25, 2024

A book fair was organised in the school lobby on October 25, 2024, in collaboration with Read and Learn Bookstore, Pune. The fair featured an extensive collection of books from various genres, providing students with an exciting opportunity to explore diverse literary worlds.

From fiction to non-fiction, classics to contemporary works, the fair had something to interest every young reader. The event encouraged a love for reading and allowed students to broaden their horizons and discover new authors and topics of interest.



Meetings, Seminars, Workshops

Counselling and Career Guidance Sessions

October 18, 19, and 25, 2024

A series of counselling and career guidance sessions were conducted by Jidnyasa Assessment and Counselling Services to support both students and parents in Grades 8 and 10.

On October 18, Ms. Anuja Kulkarni led a counselling session for Grade 10 students, addressing challenges like social media impact, cybercrime awareness, academic well-being, peer pressure, and the dynamics of parent-child relationships.

The following day, October 19, Ms. Kulkarni conducted a career guidance session specifically for the parents of Grade 10 students. She offered insights on assessing students' aptitudes, understanding available educational streams after the ICSE examinations, and exploring diverse career opportunities.

Finally, on October 25, a counselling session was organised for the parents of Grade 8 students. Ms. Kulkarni discussed teenage challenges, the influence of social media and gaming, academic concerns, and the essential role parents play in guiding their children.



PCMC District Level Skating Championship

October 6, 2024

The PCMC District Level Skating Championship held at Bhosari Skating Rink saw Arnav Abhang from Grade 6, represent the school with remarkable skill and determination. Arnav's hard work and dedication paid off as he clinched two bronze medals, securing a place at the state-level championship.

ZP District-Level Cycling Tournament

October 13, 2024

The ZP District-Level Cycling Tournament, organised by the Zilla Parishad, took place on October 13, 2024, at Lohegaon, Pune. The school was proudly represented by Avani Natu and Kushal Chaudhary of Grade 9, who participated in the cycle race and received much appreciation and encouragement.



Awards

NELTAS ECAT Assessment Round Results 2024-25

The results of the NELTAS ECAT Assessment Round for students across Grades 2 to 8 were announced for the academic year 2024-25. A total of 953 students participated, with 703 students qualifying for the Grand Finale.

Nine students earned special recognition by winning the prestigious Rising Star medals: Avik Subudhi (Grade 2), Novika Boid and Vedhas Guru (Grade 3), Pari Jadhav (Grade 4), Anshita Alok Uzagare and Tanishqa Satish Chavan (Grade 5), Siddhant Tiwari (Grade 6), Soham Bharati (Grade 7), and Shrutha Kondamadugu (Grade 8).

The school extends a hearty congratulations to all the participants.



Bonus Pages

Winged Visitors

As the monsoon season drew to a close, the neem tree at the school entrance became a lively haven for a variety of beautiful birds. Rose-ringed parakeets, Indian grey hornbills, Coppersmith barbets, and green bee-eaters were frequent visitors, bringing added colours and sounds to the school lawns.

Meanwhile, crow pheasants and kites preferred to keep to the ground, moving stealthily around the trees bordering the campus.



Outdoor Activities

With the rain subsiding, clear skies and firm grounds welcomed students back to outdoor activities. Morning assemblies, sports periods, and additional coaching resumed on the school grounds, bringing a renewed energy to campus life. Students eagerly embraced the refreshing change, enjoying the freedom and the lush greenery of the campus.



Bonus Pages

Discover India's Folk Dances

Explore the diverse world of Indian folk dances with our crossword puzzle! Guess the name of the folk dances using the pictures and hints given in the table below and use them to complete the crossword puzzle on the following page.

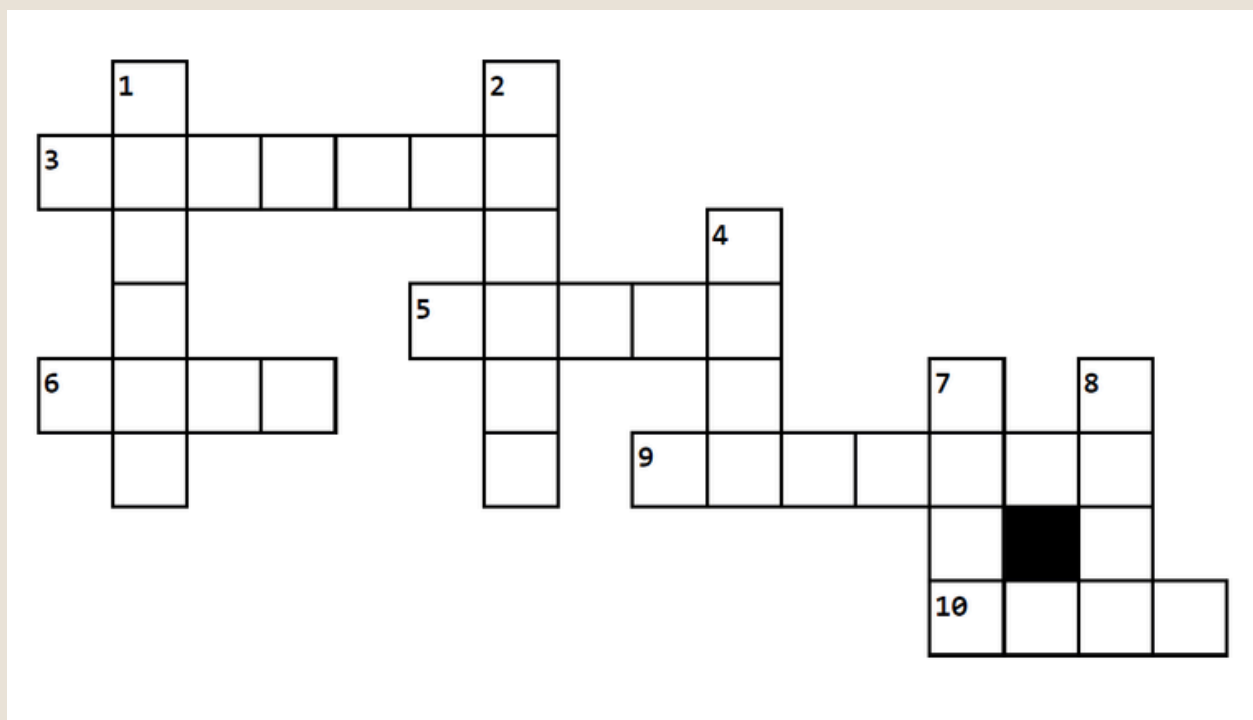
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	3. A popular folk dance of Punjab that celebrates a plentiful harvest.		1. A traditional bamboo dance performed by the Mizo people of Mizoram.
	5. A popular dance of Gujarat performed during Navratri.		2. A folk art from Maharashtra, performed to upbeat music blending storytelling with dance.
	6. A dance from Chhattisgarh, performed by the Muria tribe, mimicking the hunting of a bison.		4. A folk dance of Kullu performed during harvests and festivals
	9. A group dance originally from Saurashtra, performed by women labourers using sticks.		7. A Bhil folk dance performed by men wearing colourful dresses, carrying swords, arrows & sticks.
	10. A popular women's dance of Kashmir performed during Eid and festivals.		8. A folk dance of Assam that celebrates the Assamese New Year and the harvest season.

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Discover India's Folk Dances

Folk dances are traditional art forms unique to a region, reflecting the rich diversity of its cultural heritage. From celebrating seasonal changes to festivals, harvests to weddings, and other community gatherings, they reflect the rhythms of daily life, telling stories of local traditions, festivals, and customs.

These dances are traditionally performed by local communities, often with villagers, farmers, and artisans coming together to express joy, gratitude, and devotion. This puzzle is a fun way to learn about India's diverse folk dances and celebrate their unique charm.



****Solution in the next edition.**

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