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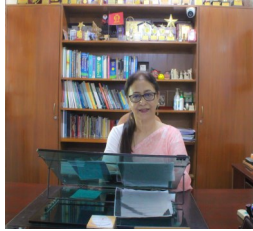


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ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, DWARKA

“We do not close chapters to forget them; we close them to carry their lessons forward.”



As this academic session draws to a close, we rejoice in our students' achievements, yet take a mindful pause to reflect, recalibrate, and step forward into the year ahead with clarity and purpose. This session was marked by remarkable achievements across academics, co-curricular domains, sports and community initiatives. Our students have demonstrated originality, creativity and determination, continually striving to uphold the standards of excellence that define our institution. The education of the students is a shared responsibility. When parents choose a school, they must place trust in its ethos and vision for their child's future. Alignment with the school's endeavours and principles is of fundamental significance. A harmonious partnership between home and school strengthens the child's development and reinforces discipline, responsibility, and integrity.

Recently, certain behavioural challenges and disciplinary issues have been noticed among students, which is a matter of great concern, particularly in the Middle School. These include incidents of bullying, the use of inappropriate and abusive language, misuse of mobile phones, and attempts to circulate classroom footage on social media platforms. Instances of vaping and the use of unfair means during examinations have also been reported. While these matters are addressed firmly within the school, lasting change can only emerge when school and parents work in close partnership. Together, through guidance, vigilance, and shared values, we can help our students make wiser choices and take responsible action.

At St. Mary's School, Dwarka, every member of our teaching faculty is highly qualified and professionally trained, committed to nurturing the unique potential of each child. At times, varying perspectives may arise between parents and teachers regarding a child's academic or personal development. When addressed through open communication with mutual respect, these perspectives can strengthen and support the child's growth more effectively. Children often reflect the attitudes they observe around them, and when respect for teachers is reinforced both at school and at home, it creates an environment where meaningful learning can truly flourish.

The School has made every effort to ensure that students are allotted subjects, keeping with their preferences and interests. We do not look at the marks scored in the board exams. We want students to study the subjects that they aspire to study in Std. XI despite not being able to score high marks.

Therefore, students must understand the responsibility of meeting the academic expectations of these subjects. The onus is on them. Promotion to the next class is a responsibility earned through consistent effort and attainment of the required academic benchmarks. I urge parents to understand that requests or appeals for promotion cannot be considered. Each child must meet the minimum proficiency required for the class level to ensure promotion. The promotion policy must be understood clearly before choosing the subjects.

As we conclude this session, let us carry forward the spirit of collaboration, mutual respect, and continuous growth. Together, we can ensure that our students not only succeed but also evolve into compassionate and conscientious individuals.

Our vision extends beyond academic success. We aim to shape individuals who are empathetic, disciplined, and socially responsible—young citizens who will be assets to their homes, their school community, and society at large. Achievement without character is incomplete; knowledge without values is insufficient.

God Bless.
Principal

PRINCIPAL'S DESK

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

11.10.25: Seerat Godara (Std V) won a **Silver Medal** in the All- India Gymnastics at the state level and secured **3rd position** in the EGPL Invitational Gymnastics Championship.



27.04.25: Ansh Aggarwal (Std V) won the **Silver Medal** in the 2nd Delhi NCR Cup Taekwondo Championship 2025.



06.11.25: Sanskriti Mohan (Std VIII) received the **Best Position Paper Award** for the UNSC (United Nations Security Council) Committee at the Sankalp Sahodaya Model United Nations, held at N. K. Bagrodia Public School, Dwarka.



04.11.25: At the International “We Care” Film Festival, organised by Apeejay Institute of Mass Communication,

Dwarka:

Akshith Antil (Std IX) secured **1st position** in Photography.

Parin Gupta (Std VIII) secured **2nd position** in Photography.

Yashica Maurya (Std XII) secured **1st position** in Painting on the theme “Issue of Disability”.



AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

12.12.25: Our students showcased their creativity at HT Lit Fest held at Sri Venkateshwar International School, Dwarka.

Anushka Sharma (Std VIII) secured the **1st Runner-up position** for comic strip design .

Aastha Pawar (Std VIII) secured the **2nd Runner-up position** for calligraphy.

Gaurav and Sameep (Std XI) received the **Consolation Prize** for Waste to Wonder.



21.12.25: Avni Singhal (Std II) secured the **2nd position** in the Inter-State Talent Sports Roller Skating Championship.



07.02.26: Sargam Singhal (Std IV) secured the **1st position** in the Arlight Public Speaking Competition held at Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha university organised by DCEB Eduworld.



28.02.26: Aaron Prahladan (Std. IV) won **gold and bronze medals** in the All India Speed Roller Skating Championship. He also secured the **2nd position** in the Golden Wheel Delhi/ NCR Inter School Open Roller Skating Championship 2026.

IMPORTANT EVENTS

WORLD DISABILITY WEEK

01.12.25-06.12.25: The school observed World Disability Week with a range of activities aimed at promoting awareness, empathy, and inclusion for individuals with special needs.

01.12.25: The school community took a Pledge for Inclusion, reinforcing the values of respect and support.



Students of Std. I participated in an Inclusive Fun Race, encouraging teamwork and cooperation.



Std. II students created a Friendship Chain, writing positive messages to symbolize unity and acceptance.



02.12.25: A Sign Language Workshop was organised for Std. VI students, introducing them to basic signs and helping them understand communication challenges faced by the hearing impaired.



Std. VII students participated in a Slogan Writing Activity on Learning Disabilities and Inclusion.



03.12.25: Students of Std. III and IV took part in engaging activities such as character portrayals and dumb charades, enacting well-known personalities with disabilities.

WORLD DISABILITY WEEK



Students of **Std. V** created a beautiful “Ability Tree”, where they pasted positive messages and inspirational quotes related to disability. The activity highlighted the importance of recognising abilities, promoting acceptance and inclusion in society.



Students of **Std. VIII** participated in Disability Simulation Activity. Through experiences such as navigating a path blindfolded and writing with their non-dominant hand, students gained insight into the challenges faced by persons with disabilities. The activity helped foster empathy and understanding among the participants.



On **4th December 2025**, a quiz competition titled “Decode Ability: Know Rights and Equality” was organised for Std. X students. The quiz covered topic including famous people with disabilities, the Rights of Person with Disabilities (RPWD) Act, adaptive sports and sign language. The competition enhanced students’ knowledge about disability



A short film titled “**Just Like You – Autism**” was screened for Std XI students. The film conveyed a powerful message that children with autism have the same feelings, dreams and need for love and acceptance as everyone else. To reach a wider audience, the film was later shared with Std XII students through their class groups.



On **6th December 2025**, the School celebrated the International Day of Persons with Disabilities with great enthusiasm. The event was graced by the presence of several eminent personalities. A colourful programme was presented, ensuring 100% participation of the children with special needs.



The programme began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the distinguished guests and the School Principal, Mrs. Sheelu Mathew. The Vice Principal, Ms. Anjali Sara Mathew, then shared a captivating account of Aasmaan’s year-round initiatives, highlighting the school’s commitment to inclusion and support for students with special needs.



The cultural presentation titled “**Game On: The Rhythm of Sports**” witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, making the event lively and engaging.



The highlight of the programme was a powerful play titled “**Together We Win**” which beautifully conveyed the importance of teamwork, unity, and inclusion in sports and life.

WG. CDG. MEMORIAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

11.12.25: The School hosted the Wg. Cdr. Memorial Chess Tournament for Sub-Junior Boys. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from eight teams and was a remarkable display of strategy, focus, and determination.

I Position: Sri Venkateshwar International School Dwarka.

II Position: Venkateshwar International School.

III Position: Delhi International School, Dwarka.



CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

20.12.25: The School organised a vibrant Christmas Carnival, bringing together students, parents, and visitors for a day full of fun and celebration.

Several engaging game stalls were organized by teachers, captivating participants of all ages. Alongside the games, a variety of food stalls offered delicious and lip-smacking dishes, adding to the festive spirit.

The lively event witnessed an enthusiastic turnout, making it a memorable day filled with joy and excitement.



VALEDICTORY CEREMONY

23.12.25: The School bid a heartfelt farewell to the outgoing batch of 2025-26 with a Valedictory Ceremony. The ceremony began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, followed by the candle-lighting ritual.



As reading from various scriptures resonated through the foyer, the atmosphere was filled with warmth, reflection, and heartfelt wishes for the graduating students.



The speeches by the School Leader, Cultural School Leader and Sports School Leader were followed by the distribution of mementos by the Principal and the Guest of honour, Ms. Sharon E Kumar, Fair Director IRIS and Chief Operations Officer EXSTEMPLAR Education Linkers Foundation.



REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

24.01.26: The 77th Republic Day was celebrated in the school with immense enthusiasm and patriotic fervour. The National Flag was unfurled while the National Anthem echoed across the campus, filling the atmosphere with pride and respect for the nation.



REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

The special assembly, which included patriotic dances, a skit and inspiring songs, was organised by Eco Club, Shramdaan Club and Science Club. The programme filled the atmosphere with pride and patriotism.

Students also participated enthusiastically in various activities that celebrated the spirit of the nation and highlighted the importance of unity, responsibility, and service towards society.



Awards and Trophies were presented on the occasion. The Good Samaritan Awards were conferred upon **Neelanjana (VI-E), Ansh Rana (VII-E), Jaspreet (VIII-E), and Pratishtha Sharma (X-E)** for their exemplary acts of kindness and helpfulness.

The award for the Best Class was given to **I-A, VIII-C, and IX-B**.

Among the houses, **Shanti House** was recognized for **sports**, while **Satya House** received accolades for **Discipline and Cultural Events**.



SANKALP SAHODAYA INTER SCHOOL ENGLISH DEBATE

30.01.26: The School hosted the Sankalp Sahodaya Inter-School English Debate Competition for Std. VI–VIII. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 21 talented speakers representing seven Sahodaya Schools.

Participants presented compelling views on the topic “Genetically Modified Crops Are Essential for Solving Future Food Crises”.



Maxfort School, Dwarka was declared the Best Team, and their speaker also won the award for the **Best Speaker – For the Motion**.

The **Best Speaker – Against the Motion** award was secured by BGS International School, Dwarka, while N. K. Bagrodia Global School, Dwarka bagged the title of **Best Interjector**.



SANKALP SAHODAYA INTER SCHOOL DANCE COMPETITION

04.02.26: The School hosted the Sankalp Sahodaya Inter-School Dance Competition for Std. I and II on the theme “**Echoes of Tradition**”. Six schools participated in the event, showcasing vibrant performances that celebrated rich cultural traditions.

The host School proudly lifted the winner’s trophy. Army Public School secured the first runner-up position, while ITL Public School was declared the second runner-up.



The event turned out to be a grand celebration of dance, culture, and creativity.



04.12.25: An evening session titled “Evening Rendezvous with the Sky” was organised for the students of Std. VI-X. The interactive session encouraged students to observe celestial objects and deepen their curiosity about the universe.



01.11.25: An astronomy trip was organised for students of the Space Astronomy Club (Std. III-X) to the Nehru Planetarium. The visit provided students with an exciting opportunity to explore the fascinating world of space and astronomy.



ASTRONOMY

08.11.25: A session on “Safe Solar Observation” was conducted for students of Std. VI– X. During the session, students learnt about various safe methods of observing the Sun without causing harm to their eyes.



04.12.25: An informative session titled “Destination Moon and Planet” was conducted for students of Std. III– V, introducing them to basic concepts about the Moon and other planets.

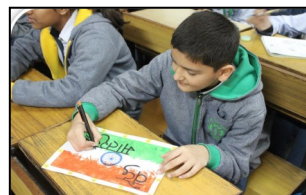


STUDENT ORIENTATION PROGRAMMES

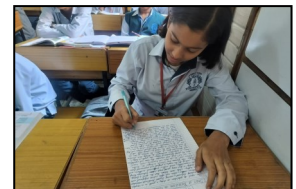
10.11.25-14.11.25: As part of the 150th commemoration of “Vande Mataram”, the school organised a series of activities to celebrate the spirit of patriotism and pay tribute to the timeless national song. The programme included collective Singing of “Vande Mataram” by all students and staff members, fostering a sense of unity and national pride.



A **Poster Making Competition** was organised for Std. VII students, encouraging them to creatively express their patriotic sentiments.

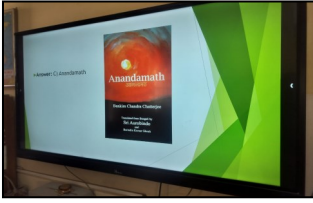


An **Essay Writing Competition** on the theme “The Spirit of Patriotism in Today’s Youth’ was conducted for Std. VIII, where participants shared thoughtful perspectives on the role of young citizen in shaping the nation.



STUDENT ORIENTATION PROGRAMMES

An Extempore Competition for Std. X. and a Quiz for all classes was conducted in the school to enhance students' communication skills and general awareness.



11.11.25: Students of the Interact Club - Samarthan attended the Installation Ceremony at St. Thomas School. During the event, the students received their pins, and the club president, Shristy Sharma, was awarded her collar and took the oath along with the presidents of other participating schools.

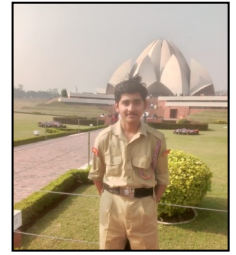


17.11.25: As part of a community support initiative, the school organised a collective drive for used wearable clothes. Members of the Interact Club enthusiastically sorted and packed the clothes with a strong sense of responsibility. These items were later donated to the NGO Social Vision.

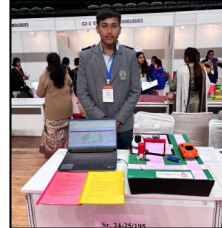
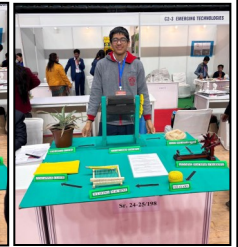


17.11.25: A career counselling workshop was organised for Std. X students to guide them in exploring Legal Studies as a potential career option. The session was conducted by Dr. Anant Vijay Maria, Advocate-on-Records, Supreme Court of India.

19.11.25-28.11.25: Three NCC cadets participated in the Combined Annual Training Camp. As part of their educational exposure, they visited important landmarks such as the War Museum, India Gate, and the Lotus Temple.



08.12.25-10.12.25: Aditya Singh, Nakul Arora, and Shaurya Bhardwaj (Std. XI) participated in the State-Level Science and Mathematics Exhibition and Project Competition held at Thyagraj Stadium. The competition was organised by the Directorate of Education, under the INSPIRE-MANAK Awards on the theme "STEM for Viksit and Atmanirbhar Bharat".



23.12.25: Pavni and Nandini Bakshi (Std XII) attended the TEDx event at Venkateshwar International School, Dwarka, where they were exposed to inspiring talks and innovative ideas.



22.01.26: "Delhi AI Grind - Empowering Young Minds through an Inter-School AI Competition" was organized by the Directorate of Education. An orientation session introduced students of Std. VI- XI to real-life problem identification and the Mini Grind prototype format.



Students developed AI prototypes on A3 sheets, addressing challenges related to education, environment, health, public safety, and smart city solutions, showcasing their creativity and problem-solving abilities.



30.01.26: Selected teams presented their innovative ideas at the District– Level Delhi AI Grind competition at IPU East Campus, showcasing their creativity and problem-solving skills.



29.01.26: A ten-day self-defence training programme for the girls of Std VI-VIII was organised by Delhi Police -Dwarka District under the Community Policing Initiatives. The programme aimed to equip students with essential self-defence techniques and awareness for personal safety.



VIDEO CONFERENCES

18.11.25: A video conference on the topic “Peace and Security” was conducted with participation from Mahatma Montessori CBSE Schools, Madurai and SMP Islam AL Azhar, Indonesia.



01.12.25: A video conference on the theme “Quality Education” was organised with participating schools including Kharkiv School 143, Ukraine, J M International School Sector-6 Dwarka Delhi, Army Public School Delhi Cantt., and The Little Kingdom School Jabalpur.



02.12.25: A video conference on the topic “Inclusive Communities” brought together students from Tagore International School (India), SMP Progressive Bumi Shalawat (Indonesia), and two independent students from Armenia.



12.02.26: A video conference was held as part of the “Biodiversity – An SDG Dialogue Series” focusing on SDG #15: Life on Land. The participating schools included Era College Golden Horn Campus, Istanbul (Turkey); Podar World School, Vapi (Gujarat, India); and Sadhu Vaswani International School for Girls, New Delhi.



INTER HOUSE COMPETITIONS

19.11.25: Art of Cooking
Std. IX-XII
Theme: Fusion Food
 1st : Shanti House
 2nd : Aastha House
 3rd : Shakti House



INTER HOUSE COMPETITIONS

19.11.25: English Debate

Std. VI-VIII

Theme: Building Expressway in Mountains Region: A Step Towards Progress or a Risk to Nature?

- 1st: Shakti House
2nd: Shanti House
3rd: Satya House



21.11.25: Western Music

Std. VI-VIII

Theme: Jass/Blues-Jr. & Sr. Solo Retro Pop/Rock-Group

- 1st: Satya House
2nd: Shanti House
3rd: Shakti House



26.11.25: Art

Std. VI-VIII

Theme: Vision Boards- Ikigai

- 1st: Satya House
2nd: Shanti House
3rd: Shakti House



26.11.25: English Debate

Std. IX-XII

Theme: Should biohacking be considered a legitimate way to enhance human performance and health, or is it a dangerous practice that should be regulated?

- 1st: Shanti House
2nd: Aastha House
3rd: Shakti House



10.12.25: Quiz

Std. VI-VIII

Theme: Current Affairs

- 1st: Shakti House
2nd: Shanti & Satya House
3rd: Aastha House



10.12.25: Art

Std. I

Theme: Animal in a Farm

Name	Class	House
Cheshta Sharma	I-C	Shakti
Siya Gupta	I-B	Satya
Vrushita	I-C	Shanti

Std. II

Theme: Spaceship

Name	Class	House
Dhriti	II-A	Satya
Mysha Goel	II-A	Satya
Trisha Rathee	II-B	Shakti

Std. III

Theme: Drawing with Numbers

Name	Class	House
Kashika Yadav	III-A	Aastha
Pravika Joshi	III-E	Satya
Swara Joshi	III-D	Satya

Std. IV

Theme: Seasons

Name	Class	House
Prisha Jain	IV-C	Aastha
Daksh Singh	IV-A	Shanti
Samirth Sharma	IV-A	Aastha

Std. V

Theme: Zentangle Art

Name	Class	House
Bhumika	V-B	Shakti
Mahi Phalswal	V-E	Satya
Aditya Kumar	V-A	Shakti



18.02.26: Craft

Std. I

Theme: Decorate a 2D Cake

Name	Class	House
Cheshta Sharma	I-C	Shakti
Aadvika	I-D	Shanti
Vihaan Yadav	I-C	Aastha

Std. II

Theme: Decorate a 2D Garment

Name	Class	House
Aahana Thakur	II-D	Shakti
Arsha Kumari	II-D	Satya
Sanaya Gupta	II-E	Satya

Std. III

Theme: Design a Paper Bag

Name	Class	House
Stephen	III-B	Satya
Kaavya	III-B	Shanti
Mishita	III-D	Shakti

Std. IV

Theme: Bottle Painting

Name	Class	House
Hriyanshi	IV-B	Shanti
Vedaant	IV-A	Satya
Daksh	IV-A	Shanti

Std. V

Theme: Bouquet with paper flowers

Name	Class	House
Sourish	V-E	Shakti
Yoshita	V-E	Satya
Yoganya	V-B	Satya



SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

05.11.25: Guru Nanak Jayanti Assembly by Std. X.



23.12.25: The School organised a vibrant Christmas Assembly presented by Music Club (Vocals, Instruments, Indian), along with enthusiastic performances by Dance Club. The Photography Club beautifully captured memorable moments of the celebration.



FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

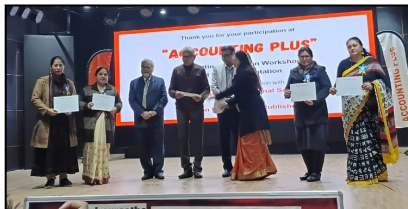
07.11.25: Ms. Nisha Batra and Ms. Supriya attended a meeting on the “Uniform Age of Admission at the Foundation Stage”.

15.11.25 : Ms. Savita and Ms. Anju Prakash attended a workshop on “Transforming Education with NEP-Aligned Resources” at Radisson Blu, Paschim Vihar.



20.11.25 : A Webinar on “Two Board Exam” was attended by the teachers of the Computer Department, Mr. Rishikesh and Ms. Sangeta Maria.

18.12.25 : Ms. Kanika Chadha attended a workshop on “Accountancy” at Inderprastha International School.



19.01.26: Ms. Preeti Mehta attended a workshop on “Mandatory Implementation of Kaushal Bodh for Std. VI-VIII” at N.K. Bagrodia Global School, Dwarka.



30.01.26 : Ms. Ritu Bhatia and Ms. Milan Solanki attended conference on “Sustainability through Innovation Educator’s Conference” at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi. The conference focused on innovative practices to promote sustainability in education.



07.02.26 : A CBP workshop on “Promoting Mental Health and Well Being among Students” was attended by faculty members of Std. VI-XII.



14.02.26 : A CBP workshop on “Value Education” was attended by faculty members of Std. VI-XII.



14.03.26: A CBP workshop on “Stress Management” was attended by faculty members of Std. I-V and activity teachers.



16.03.26: Ms. Sangeeta Maria, Ms. Pallavi Saxena, Ms. Divya Rana, Ms. Priyanka Bhattacharjee and Ms. Carol Kuriakose attended the DCEB EDU World Workshop on “AI and Design Thinking in English Pedagogy” at DIS Edge, Dwarka.

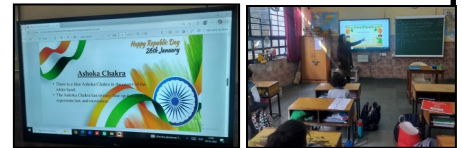


30.03.26: A CBP workshop on “Art Integration” was attended by faculty members of Std. I-V and activity teachers.



BAGLESS DAYS

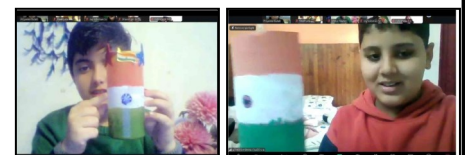
24.01.26: A special Bagless Day was organised for students of Std. III - V. The day included engaging presentations and quizzes that helped students understand the significance of the Indian Constitution, national symbols, and democratic values.



Students also participated in meaningful subject-related activities, creative craft sessions, hands-on mathematics activities, and a Healthy Plate activity, making learning interactive, enjoyable, and experiential.



Additionally, online Republic Day activities were also organised for students who were attending classes virtually.



11.02.26: Another Bagless Day was organised for students of Std. I - V. Students enthusiastically participated in various concept-based learning activities, turning the day into a vibrant platform for experiential learning.



BAGLESS DAYS

The programme focused on a wide range of thoughtfully planned Subject Enrichment Activities designed to move beyond textbooks and make learning enjoyable and meaningful. Students actively participated in creative, hands-on sessions that encouraged imagination, expression, critical thinking, and collaboration.

Std. I performed activities based on concepts such as opposites, shapes and plants helping them learn through fun and interactive methods.

Students of Std. II conducted a Mini Market Activity, where they bought and sold various items using dummy currency notes. This activity helped them understand basic mathematical concepts practically and engagingly.



03.03.26: A Bagless Day was celebrated with great excitement for students of Std. I - V.

The day began with Holi-themed art activities, where students enjoyed vegetable printing and thread-pulling magic art, creating colourful designs. After the art session, a magic show was organised, filling the students with joy and surprise.

A special assembly on the theme of Holi was also conducted. Students sang beautiful Holi songs, spreading festive cheer throughout the school. During the assembly, the **Best House Awards** was announced, and the **Best Reader Awards** were presented to one student from each section of Std. III to V. The day was fun-filled and memorable for all students.



EXCURSIONS AND TRIPS

28.11.25: Std. IX - Educational Trip - Qutub Minar



10.03.26: Std. I - Picnic- Play and Learn, Pacific Mall, Tagore Garden



11.03.26: Std. IV - Picnic - KidZania, Noida



13.03.26: Std. II - Picnic - Play and Learn, Pacific Mall, Tagore Garden



13.03.26: Std. III - Picnic - Rock-sport, Tickling Camp, Gurugram



14.03.26: Std. XII - Picnic - Indian Mountaineering Federation (IMF), Dhaula Kuan



17.03.26: Std. V - Picnic - Indian Mountaineering Federation (IMF), Dhaula Kuan



18.03.26: Std. VII - Educational Trip— National Science Centre



CLASS DAYS

07.02.26: Std. V - Mary Poppins



14.02.26: Std. IV - Mufasa: The Lion King



21.02.26: Std. III - My Father's Dragon



28.02.26: Std. II - Kung Fu Panda



07.03.26: Std. I - Celebrating Our Grandparents

