

Saint Mary's School

RAJKOT



The Quill

(NEWS LETTER : SEMESTER 1, 2024-25)

Editorial Message

Dear Readers,

Welcome to another exciting edition of our News Letter - "The Quill". As we turn the pages of this newsletter of Sem-1[2024-25], we celebrate the vibrant spirit of our institution—a place where curiosity, creativity, and collaboration thrive.

This edition "The Quill" captures the diverse talents of our students, from thought-provoking articles and creative writing to stunning artwork and insightful reflections. Each contribution reflects the passion, dedication, and individuality that make our school such a dynamic and inspiring place to learn and grow.

It's important to remember that education is not just about textbooks and exams. It's about fostering a sense of curiosity, developing resilience, and building connections with others.

Our magazine serves as a platform for students to share their voices, challenge their perspectives, and explore new ideas.

We encourage you to dive into these pages with an open mind and heart, and to appreciate the hard work that has gone into making this edition special. Whether you are a reader, a contributor, or someone cheering from the sidelines, you are an important part of this shared journey.

Let's continue to support and inspire each other as we strive to make our school a place where everyone's potential can shine.

Happy reading!

Sincerely,

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(Editorial Team)



Principal's Message



Dear Students, Parents, and Staff,

As we embark on yet another exciting journey through the pages of 'The quill' (First Semester News Letter), I am filled with immense joy and gratitude for our students and staff at Saint Mary's School, Rajkot. This News Letter is not just a collection of stories and updates; it is a reflection of our shared memories together, aspirations and the remarkable efforts of our students and faculty.

I extend my sincere congratulations to the dedicated editorial board whose creativity and hard work have truly brought 'The Quill' to life. Each story, artwork, and photograph showcase the remarkable talent within our school. It is no small feat to curate and present the myriad events and achievements that take place within our school.

With Diwali approaching, I would like to wish everyone a joyous celebration. This festival of lights symbolizes the triumph of good over evil and encourages us to embrace values of compassion and unity. May your homes be filled with joy and prosperity, and may this festive

season inspire us to shine brightly in all our endeavors.

As we enter the vacation period, I encourage all the students to take this time to relax and recharge. Whether you spend it with family, dive into a good book, or explore new interests, let this break be a time for rejuvenation. Learning extends beyond the classroom, so embrace the opportunity to discover new passions and strengthen bonds with loved ones during this vacation.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the many opportunities that await us in the Second Semester. As we return from the break, we will embark on new projects and activities that will enhance our academic experience and nurture our overall development. Remember that every challenge is an opportunity for growth, and every success, no matter how small, is a step towards achieving your dreams.

I express my sincere gratitude to all the teachers, parents, and staff who support our students. Your dedication plays a crucial role in shaping the future leaders of our society. Let us continue to work together, fostering an environment where our students can bloom.

Wishing you all a Joyous Diwali and a refreshing vacation!

Warm regards,

Fr. Jilson Varghese CMI
Principal,
Saint Mary's School, Rajkot.

Glimpses of Activities

Elevating Educators

Saint Mary's School continues to prioritize professional development as a cornerstone of its educational philosophy, ensuring that educators remain at the forefront of educational innovation. Justifying the same, the school launched the academic year 2024-25 with a robust two-day teacher training programme on June 11th and 12th, 2024. The programme aimed at enhancing instructional skills and pedagogical techniques among educators, emphasizing the integration of technology, innovative teaching strategies, and the creation of an inclusive learning environment.



Led by seasoned educator Mr. Dixon Samuel, the sessions were interactive and enriching, providing valuable insights and practical knowledge to the teaching staff. This initiative not only focused on improving teaching efficacy but also aimed to uphold the school's commitment to delivering the highest quality education to its students.



Rooted in Faith and Prayer



Saint Mary's School, Rajkot, commenced the academic year 2024-25 with a solemn prayer service held on June 13, 2024. Students, teachers, and staff congregated to seek blessings and guidance from the Almighty for a successful and enriching year ahead. The prayer service featured readings from the sacred scriptures of various religions, hymns, and reflective moments, fostering a sense of unity and purpose within the school community.



It was a meaningful start, emphasizing spiritual growth and collective unity as everyone embarked on the new academic journey together. The event underscored Saint Mary's School's commitment to nurturing not only academic excellence but also spiritual and moral development among its students, creating a supportive environment conducive to holistic education.

Fire-Training: (Ready for emergency situations)

In order to empower the staff in responding to the emergency situations, school organized a mock drill session on 15 June, 2024. Fire training helped to create awareness on how to handle panic situations and save lives by preparing the staff to act quickly and responsibly. The mock drill sessions empowered the staff to respond promptly and calmly during a fire emergency.



Celebrating Health- International Yoga Day

St. Mary's School, Rajkot, enthusiastically joined the nation in celebrating International Yoga Day on June 21st. A significant number of staff and students participated in an early morning yoga session held at 6:30 AM. The event aimed to promote physical and mental well-being through the practice of yoga. Students showcased their dedication and enthusiasm by demonstrating various yoga postures and techniques during the session.



The event not only encouraged physical fitness but also emphasized the importance of mindfulness and holistic well-being, reflecting St. Mary's School's holistic approach to education.



Students' Council Installed



The St. Mary's School community gathered with enthusiasm on Saturday, July 13th, 2024, to witness the Investiture Ceremony and honour the exceptional achievers of the Board Exams of 2023-24. The distinguished presence of Sree R.B. Zala, Dy.S.P. Vigilance, added prestige to the occasion as he presided over the ceremony.



In a symbolic gesture of leadership and responsibility, the chief guest vested badges and entrusted responsibilities upon the House In charges, General Captains, House Captains, and Vice Captains. During his motivational address, the chief guest emphasized the core values of hard work, sincerity, and pursuing personal aspirations as pathways to success. His words resonated deeply, inspiring students to uphold these virtues in their academic pursuits and beyond. The Investiture Ceremony and felicitating the toppers exemplified our commitment to nurturing leadership and academic excellence among our students.



Toppers Honoured

The St. Mary's School honoured the exceptional achievers of Board Exams and class toppers of 2023-24, during the investiture ceremony on 13 July, 2024. The distinguished presence of Sree R.B. Zala, Dy.S.P. Vigilance, added prestige to the occasion as he presided over the ceremony. These outstanding individuals were presented with mementos in recognition of their remarkable academic accomplishments and dedication.



Guru Purnima

Commemorating the strong bond of trust and respect between teachers and students, School Celebrated 'Guru Purnima' on 22 July, 2024. The students honoured the teaching staff offering a flower and 'Tilak' on their forehead to show their reverence and gratitude for guiding their way.



Student's Leadership Orientation

A leadership orientation programme was organized for the Vice-Captains and Disciplinary Officers of Primary Section on the 3 August, 2024 Saturday.



We were honoured to have Rev.Fr. Johnson CMI as a resource person. This orientation was effective for our students to shoulder the leadership by the guiding and inspiring steps for their development.

Your Health Is Our Priority (Free Medical Camp)

In the month of August, Saint Mary's School, Rajkot, in collaboration with the Rajkot Municipal Corporation (RMC), hosted a comprehensive Medical Camp and Haemoglobin Check-Up. The event was inaugurated by Sri Chetan Sureja, the distinguished Corporator of RMC Ward No.10.



Throughout the three-day camp, participants from different sections benefited from free medical consultations, health screenings, and haemoglobin tests. This effort was part of our ongoing commitment to the well-being of our students.



Celebrating Freedom: The Spirit of Independence

The Independence Day Cultural function was organized on 14 August 2024 in the primary auditorium, marking the 78th anniversary of our nation's independence. The event aimed to honour the sacrifices of our freedom fighters and foster a sense of national pride and unity among participants.



Saint Mary's School, Rajkot came alive with patriotic fervour as it celebrated the Independence Day of our nation with a spirited event on August 15, 2024. The occasion was graced by the esteemed presence of Mr. Barot Shamaldas Danaji, our beloved retired teacher of Saint Mary's School, who served as the chief guest for the celebrations.



The highlight of the day was a captivating one-hour performance that paid homage to the nation's journey to freedom. The program featured a variety of cultural presentations, including music, dance, and speeches that resonated with the spirit of Independence Day.



Teachers from Saint Mary's School, as well as from St. Xavier's School, and a few students and alumni joined in paying a grand tribute to India's heritage and freedom struggle. Mr. Shamaldas, in his address, emphasized the importance of remembering the sacrifices made by those who fought for India's independence and encouraged the young generation to uphold the values of freedom and unity.

The Divine Festivity of Janmashtami

The Janmashtami celebration, commemorating the birth of Lord Krishna, was organized on 23 August, 2024 with great enthusiasm and devotion.



The celebration venue was decorated to reflect the festive spirit of Janmashtami. Traditional decorations like floral rangolis and Krishna-themed posters adorned the area.

Special emphasis was placed on the Matki (earthen pot) setup, with multiple matkis painted and decorated by students and volunteers. Dance performances were conducted based on Krishna's Leela (divine plays), such as the Ras Leela and the Govardhan Leela.



Skits depicting significant episodes from Krishna's life, such as his childhood mischief and his role in the Mahabharata.

Celebrating Pillars of Knowledge (Teachers' Day)



Saint Mary's School celebrated Teachers' Day with heartfelt performances and gratitude for our amazing educators. Students expressed their appreciation through songs, dances and speeches making it a memorable day filled with joy and respect for the inspiring teachers who shape their future.



Student teachers were the main highlight of the celebration, who undertook classes. Handmade cards and posters adorned the school and tokens of appreciation were given to teachers as a symbol of gratitude for their dedication.

Cultural Kaleidoscope: AINACS Skit Finale



The Skit Finale of AINACS Cultural Inter Zonal Meet was successfully hosted by Saint Mary's school, Rajkot on 26th September. The event brought together participants, faculty members, and professionals from various institutions under AINACS from Kutch, Surendranagar, Bhavnagar, Junagadh and Jamnagar Zones to exchange knowledge, showcase their skills.



Bishop Jose Chittooparambil CMI, the Bishop of Rajkot Diocese and Fr. Joby Mathew CMI – President of AINACS, Rajkot unit graced the occasion with their presence and inspiring messages.



"Cleanliness Drive Rally: Spreading Awareness Through Action"



As part of the "Cleanliness Drive," an awareness rally was organized on 1 October from our school to Indira Circle, KKV Hall, and back to school. Enthusiastic students participated, carrying banners and placards while reciting powerful slogans that promoted cleanliness and civic responsibility. Along the way, the students actively cleaned nearby areas and roads, demonstrating their commitment to Gandhiji's vision of a clean and healthy environment.



Navratri Utsav :

A Celebration of Devotion and Dance

Saint Mary's Joyfully celebrated Navratri on 5th and 11th of October. The vibrant festivities included traditional Garba performances by students showcasing the rich cultural heritage of Gujarat.



The students, dressed in colourful attire, brought campus alive with music, dance and devotion. The traditional dresses, the vibrant colours and synchronized dancing to the beats of music brought in the vibe and enthusiasm of our students for this Navratri. The celebrations were a reflection of the school's commitment to fostering cultural awareness and unity.



A Fond Farewell (Retirement):

The kindergarten section bid a heartfelt farewell to Ms. Michelle Lawrence Ma'am(pre-kg), who retired after 10 years of dedicated service in a staff meeting on 17 September, 2024. The event was a touching tribute to her immense contribution, with colleagues and students sharing memories of how she inspired and shaped many lives.



Michelle Ma'am's influence extended beyond the classroom, leaving a lasting impact on both academic and personal growth of our students. A token of appreciation was presented, symbolizing the deep respect and gratitude. We celebrate Michelle Ma'am's remarkable legacy as we say goodbye. We wish her a peaceful and fulfilling retirement, knowing her impact will continue to resonate within our school for years to come.

The management organized a farewell on the occasion of the retirement of our beloved non-teaching staff of primary section – Ms. Ratanben Vaghela. She has rendered 30 years of service to this institution. Saint Mary's Family gratefully remembers her enthusiastic and selfless devotion to fulfilling her duties with sincerity and responsibility and wishes her a happy retirement.



Students presented mesmerizing songs, dances, and skit depicting the triumph of Lord Rama over Ravana. Colourfully costumed participants brought the epic Ramayana to life on stage.

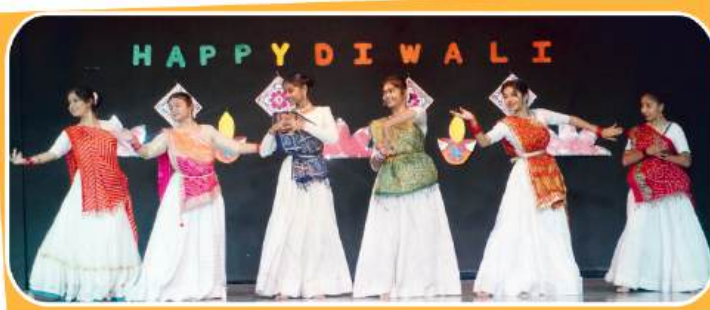


The event culminated with a message spreading joy and festive spirit among all.



Diwali Celebration

Saint Mary's celebrated Diwali with great fervour on 26 October 2024, showcasing vibrant performances.



Battle Of Brilliance

Trash to Treasure: The Art of Repurposing

The "Best Out of Waste" competition was held on the 6th of July, 2024 for the students of Std:3 to 5. Our students took part enthusiastically. Their little hands and minds were set to bring out the best from the waste. The activity intended to educate children the importance of cutting down the waste and practice recycling and upcycling in our day-to-day life and make earth a better place to

live. Events like this foster a sense of responsibility towards the environment.



Express to Impress: Elocution Excellence

The Elocution Competition final was held on 9 August, 2024 for the students of std 6 to 8. The event aimed to provide a platform for participants to showcase their oratory skills, creativity, and confidence. The Elocution Competition was a resounding success, achieving its objectives of effective communication skills among participants through multilingual medium. It served as a reminder of the power of words and the importance of expressing thoughts clearly and passionately.



Matki Creations:

A Symphony of Colours and Culture

A unique aspect of the Janmashtami celebration was the Matki creation and decoration competition conducted on August 21 and 22 for the students of std 3 to 5 and high school respectively.



Students were divided into groups and used their earthen pots, paints, and decorative materials to create amazing products. Using vibrant paints, glitter, and traditional motifs, participants brought the festive spirit to life, celebrating the birth of Lord Krishna. The event not only showcased creativity but also deepened the students' connection to the cultural significance of the festival.

Raksha with a Purpose:

Crafting for Change

On the occasion of 'Raksha Bandhan' a Rakhi Making Competition was held on 5th August, 2024 for the students of Primary Section. Students brought material from home and assembled it during the competition. A variety of colourful Rakhis were prepared by our dear students.



Raksha Bandhan Celebrations took to higher spirit when our students along with the MSW (Marian Service Wing) visited *Navshakti Vidhyalay - School* for the special children. Our students tied self-made Rakhi on their hands and distributed sweets. Our students were privileged to witness how the differently abled children are taught and the different things they prepare as part of their special education and empowerment programme.

Shining Thalís, Glowing Garba :

A Celebration of Art & Devotion

The Arti Thali and Garbo Decoration Competition was a vibrant and colourful event, held as part of the Navratri celebrations on the 30 September, 2024.



The event saw enthusiastic participation from 6th to 8th std, who showcased their creativity and traditional skills in decorating Arti Thalīs and Garba (traditional decorated pots used in Gujarati Navratri celebrations). The primary aim of the competition was to:

- Promote cultural values and traditions.
- Encourage creativity and artistry among participants.
- Provide a platform for students to engage in and celebrate the spirit of Navratri.



"Voices of Patriotism: Independence Day Declamation Competition"



Students passionately showcased their oratory skills during the Declamation Competition organized for the high school students on 12 August 2024, delivering powerful speeches on freedom and national pride. The event not only celebrated India's independence but also encouraged students to reflect on their role in shaping the nation's future.



"Melodies of Patriotism: Solo Patriotic Song Competition"

On the occasion of Independence Day Celebration, a Solo Song Competition was held for the students of High School on 13 August, 2024. Each participant sang with deep passion, honouring the nation's heritage and sacrifices. The musical performances inspired pride and unity among all present.



"Celebrating the bond of love: Rakhi Making Competition"



The school organized a Rakhi Making Competition on 5 and 17 August 2024 for the students of Primary and High School respectively, where students showcased their creativity and craftsmanship. Using vibrant threads, beads, and decorative materials, participants designed unique and colourful Rakhis symbolizing the bond between brothers and sisters. The event highlighted the spirit of togetherness and cultural tradition, making the festival even more special.



"Celebrating the essence of Lord Krishna's birth: Verse Recitation and Explanation Competition"

In honour of Janmashtami, our school hosted a Verse Recitation and Explanation Competition on 23 August, 2024, where students recited verses from the Bhagavad Gita, the song of God. Each participant not only delivered their verses with passion but also provided insightful explanations, deepening the audience's understanding of Lord Krishna's teachings. The event fostered a spirit of devotion and reflection, making it a memorable celebration of Krishna's divine wisdom. The event concluded with an exuberating dance performance by high school girls.



'Swachh Bharat' Competitions

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, a "Cleanliness Drive" drawing competition was organized for the NCC Cadets on 28 September 2024. The competition aimed to promote awareness about cleanliness and environmental responsibility, reflecting Gandhiji's ideals. The cadets expressed their creativity and dedication through their artwork, highlighting the importance of a clean and green environment.



This initiative not only encouraged artistic expression but also reinforced the values of hygiene and civic duty among the students.



Rangoli Making Competition

The Rangoli Competition at St. Mary's School, held on 26 October, 2024, celebrated Diwali with vibrant creativity and cultural spirit. High School and Higher Secondary students participated, transforming the campus with intricate designs, traditional patterns, and colourful artistry. The event encouraged teamwork and creativity, as students crafted stunning rangolis symbolizing light, positivity, and the joy of Diwali. Each design reflected the unique imagination and cultural heritage of the participants, creating a festive atmosphere that embodied the essence of the festival.



"Voices of Tomorrow: Youth Parliament in Action"

The Youth Parliament session, held on 5 October 2024, was a remarkable event for both high school and higher secondary students. The session saw students representing the ruling cabinet and opposition of India, bringing the political landscape to life.



Their enthusiasm and in-depth understanding of the issues at hand were truly commendable. The

event provided a platform for students to showcase their eloquence, knowledge, and passion for parliamentary procedures. The high energy and insightful debates highlighted their potential as future leaders, making the session a grand success.



Small Steps Big Dreams....

The first semester has been a whirlwind of exciting activities, enriching experiences, and remarkable achievements. From academic competitions to cultural festivals, every event added a unique flavour to our vibrant school life. Various cultural, Sports, art and craft events were part of the learning process during the First Semester.

As the First Semester of 2024-25 draws to a close, we reflect all these activities with great pride. They not only provided opportunities for growth and learning but also strengthened the bonds among students. It's been truly memorable, and we look forward to continuing this tradition of excellence in the future!

Float Our Boat & Rainbow Making (6 July, 2024)

Float Our Boat activity was held for Std 1 and Rainbow making activity was held for Std 2. By this activity students learned to fold paper, cutting and shaping paper.

They also learned about VIBGYOR colors through this activity.



The Best Buddy & Snail Making (13 July, 2024)



Students of Std 1 were asked to make their buddy from a sponge through which they learned about the importance of their friends while Std 2 students prepared snails from paper and they learned several valuable lessons from snails like patience and adaptability.



Std 1 and 2 students were asked to make things based on the tricolour. Our young learners displayed their love for the nation through art and craft.



Fireless cooking (14 September, 2024)

Fireless cooking was a fun and healthy experience for the students of Std 2. It was a delightful experience for the students. Without, the use of fire, students learned how to prepare simple yet delicious snacks using fresh ingredients. It was an enjoyable and educational experience.

Sweet Home (27 July, 2024)



Std 1 students were excited to make their sweet home. They learned about the values of the family and its members. The activity helped them to strengthen their craft skills.

Tricolour Activity (10 August, 2024)

On the occasion of Independence Day, our school came alive with colours of patriotism as students engaged in various creative activities.

Clay Modeling

(Std-2 on 27 July, Std 1 on 14 August, 2024)

Our school organized a clay modeling activity, allowing students to showcase their creativity and artistic skills.



This activity encouraged students to mold clay into various shapes and figures. The joy of working with their hands and bringing their imagination to life made the experience both fun and educational.

Artful Devotion (Navratri Craft Activity):



Our school celebrated Navratri with a special craft activity, where students embraced the spirit of the festival through art and creativity. The vibrant atmosphere was filled with excitement as students from different classes participated in making traditional crafts inspired by the festival.



This hands-on experience not only sparked creativity but also deepened our understanding of the rich cultural heritage associated with Navratri. The activity was a perfect blend of art and tradition, giving students an opportunity to express their creativity while celebrating the values of the festival—joy, devotion, and unity.

Mini Sports Day:

A Day of Fun & Fitness (24 October, 2024)



Our school recently organized a Mini Sports Day, filled with excitement and energy. Students from Pre-Kg to Std 2 participated in a range of fun-filled activities, including relay races, Peg-a-thon, Super Trotters, sack races, and obstacle courses. The event was designed to encourage physical fitness and teamwork, with students cheering for their peers as they competed in friendly matches. Teachers and staff also got involved, making it a truly engaging and joyful experience.



Mini Sports Day not only promoted physical activity but also strengthened the bond between students, making it a memorable event in the school calendar.



Play way Paradise

(KINDERGARTEN SECTION)

Everyday learning activities for kindergarten students are designed to nurture their curiosity, creativity, and foundational skills through playful and engaging methods. Our teachers make them learn new things and skills through various activities, the same way our tiny tots also show their enthusiasm for learning & enjoying. Enjoy the glimpses of various fun-filled activities with our tiny tots.

Assembly:



Every morning at our school, we gather together for the morning assembly, a tradition that sets the tone for the day ahead. The assembly is not just a routine—it is a moment of reflection, inspiration, and unity, where students and teachers come together to share important values, ideas, and motivation.



Mass PT (A step towards fitness):

At our school, the weekly Mass PT session has become a cherished tradition. Every week, students from all grades gather on the field, united in purpose – to enhance physical fitness, discipline, and teamwork.

The morning air is filled with excitement as students line up in their uniforms, ready to participate. With synchronized movements, under the guidance of our PT instructors, we engage in a series of exercises designed to build strength, endurance, and flexibility. From simple stretches to more complex drills, every exercise teaches us the value of perseverance and focus.

But Mass PT is more than just a fitness routine. It's a moment when the entire school comes together, fostering a sense of community and shared responsibility. As we move in harmony, we are reminded that just like in sports and life, success is achieved through collaboration and discipline.

These sessions also promote mental well-being, helping us start the week with energy and positivity. As we train our bodies, we also strengthen our minds, preparing ourselves to face academic and personal challenges with confidence.



The Art Corner



Art has always been a vital part of our school's curriculum, and this year was no exception. Through a variety of creative activities, students had the opportunity to explore different art forms, express themselves, and develop their artistic talents. Here's a look at some of the exciting art projects and events (Balloon Printing, Bindi Sticking, Ear Bud Printing, Finger Printing, and Sponge printing) that took place this year:



The Joy of Indoor Activity:

At our school, indoor activities offer a fun and engaging break from routine, even on rainy days. From board games like chess and Scrabble that sharpen our thinking, to arts and crafts that spark creativity, these activities provide something for everyone. These activities foster teamwork, creativity, and learning, making sure we stay engaged and motivated, no matter the weather.



The Excitement of Outdoor Activity



Outdoor activities are an essential part of our school life, offering a perfect blend of fun, fitness, and learning. Whether it's sports like football, cricket, or basketball, or games like tag and relay races, the open field becomes a playground where we strengthen both body and mind. Beyond physical fitness, outdoor activities teach us valuable life skills like teamwork, discipline, and leadership.



Participating in group sports builds camaraderie and instills a sense of fair play, while nature walks and gardening clubs foster a deeper connection with the environment. These activities provide a much-needed break from our classrooms, helping us refresh our minds, stay active, and bond with our peers. They also help improve focus and academic performance by balancing physical exercise with mental effort.



English Activities

This year, the Pre-KG section at our school embarked on a fun and interactive journey to learn the English language. Through various creative activities, our little learners explored the world of words, sounds, and stories. Here's a glimpse into how the youngest members of our school took their first steps in mastering the English language:



GK Activities

We believe that general knowledge plays a vital role in shaping a well-informed person. This year, our students participated in a variety of fun and educational activities designed to expand their understanding of the world around them. These activities helped students improve their general knowledge in creative and engaging ways.



Math Activities

This year at our school, math learning was transformed into an exciting and interactive experience through a series of creative activities. Our students were actively involved in hands-on tasks that not only improved their mathematical skills but also made the subject more enjoyable.



Here's a look at some of the ways our students explored and mastered math concepts throughout the year:



Pathways to Progress (Remedial Classes)

We believe that every student has the potential to succeed, and sometimes, all it takes is a little extra support to unlock that potential. This year, our school introduced remedial classes for students who need additional help in certain subjects. These classes are designed to provide focused attention, personalized learning, and a supportive environment where students can improve their understanding and build their confidence.



Stage Synergy (Talent Show)



This Semester the Talent Show was a resounding success, showcasing the incredible talents of our students and creating unforgettable memories for everyone involved. The atmosphere was electric as students and teachers filled the auditorium, eagerly anticipating the morning of creativity and passion.

Pinnacle Of Success

INTER ZONAL AINACS COMPETITION



Primary Students secured **Second Prize** in the AINACS Skit Competition Finale Held at Saint Mary's School Rajkot on 26 September, 2024.



High School Students secured **Third Prize** in the AINACS Skit Competition Finale Held at Saint Mary's School, Rajkot on 26 September, 2024.



High School Students secured **First Prize** in the AINACS Dance Competition Organized at St. Mary's School, Morbi on 28 September, 2024.



Primary and Highschool Students secured **First Prize** in the AINACS Group Song Competition Organized at Nirmla Convent School, Wankaner on 27 September, 2024.



ACHIEVEMENTS

Some of our students successfully bagged prizes and awards for their skill to reach this stage of achievement.



Malkan Maneet (6A) achieved **Second Rank** in Taekwondo SGFI Tournament, District level.

Kavya Chauhan (7C) secured **Third Place** (The Gujarat State Aquatic Association organized the State-Level Sub-Junior and Junior Swimming Competition 2024, in the 200-meter relay.)





Popat Rudra(7D) SGFI Tournament District Level U14 Karate 26-30kg secured **Second Runner Up**



Popat Rudra Secured 2nd position in Baal Pratibha District Level : *Bhajan competition* and **First Position** in the Talent Hunt State level Competition : *Sugam Sangeet*



In Baal Pratibha Shodh District Level competition: Saint Mary's School secured **First Position** in Group Song

ATHLETICS - Achievements at District level



200 Mt. Race
Under 17 yrs - Girls
First Position
Zala Priyanka S. (11-C)



200 Mt. Race
Under 17 yrs - Boys
First Position
Makadiya Priyam S. (10-A)

100 Mt. Race

Under 17 yrs - Boys
Fourth Position
Bhanderi Param A. (10 A)



400 Mt. Race

Under 17 yrs - Girls
Second Position
Prajapati Apurva R. (12 A)



200 Mt. Race

Under 19 yrs - Boys
Fourth Position
Lakhani Priyansh D. (12 C)



CHESS - Achievement at District level



Under 19 yrs - Boys
Fourth Position
Mehta Saumya B. (12 C)

KARATE - Achievement at District level

Under 17 yrs - Boys
(35 to 40 kgs weight)
First Position
Doshi Nirmay J. (11 C)



Under 17 yrs - Girls
(40 to 44 kgs weight)
Fourth Position
Popat Vrishty S. (10 B)



Under 17 yrs - Girls (68 kgs weight)

Second Position**Dave Swati P. (11 A)****FOOTBALL - Under 17 yrs - Boys Selected for State Level****Ghelani Kathan R.****(11 C)****Chauhan Ayan M.****(11 C)****Mehta Tanmay J.****(10 B)****Palette of Words and Art****TECHNOLOGY***"Technology is a useful servant but a dangerous master."*

Technology is very useful when it is under our control but very dangerous if we are under controlled by technology. Technology is the application of scientific knowledge to the practical goals of human life. Thomas Edison is considered as the father of technology as he created the world's first industrial research laboratory. We all know that with technology we can achieve the unimaginable. Just like coin has two sides technology also have two sides advantage and disadvantage. The main advantage according to me is easier communication earlier people used to write letters but it would take a lot of time to reach but with the help of technology we can easily communicate with each other and access to global knowledge we can easily get access to worldwide knowledge. Along with it, increased productivity, better security, automations and robotics, cost and time saving and improved entertainment. Along with it, the main disadvantage is privacy concern many people are being exploited because of technology and addiction is one of the biggest disadvantages of technology. With that human job loss due to increase of robotics is experienced, environmental issue, loneliness, health implications. Extended screen time and technology usage can lead to various health problems and social disconnect. Technology is useful if we use it properly and in limit.

By Kavya Jani (8 B)**MY FAVOURITE CARTOON**

Mr. Bean is a famous cartoon character among the children. Mr. Bean is known for his silly tricks and his ability to cheer people in any situation. The best-taught lesson is to enjoy every little thing in life which is the key to happiness. Words are not necessary to make someone laugh and Mr. Bean is the best example for the same. The three main things to learn from him is:

1. Enjoy your own company.
2. Being innovative
3. Never quit.

By Dholakiya Meet (Std-2D)

POEM

"THE ORGANS OF MY SCHOOL"

Helpers... helpers... helpers
Helping all the time...

Helpers.... Helpers.... helpers
Helping always.

All helpers are important organs of my school!
sweepers, aunties, guards and gardeners...
are the helpers of my school ..
Sweeper making my school neat and clean
Just like kidney of my school

Helpers....Helpers....Helpers.....
Aunties are caring for us,
Just like mother in school...
Guards protect my school

Helpers, Helpers, Helpers...
Just like hands and eyes of my school
Gardner enhancing the beauty of my school
Just like the health of my school
Helpers....Helpers....Helpers

By **Pandya Jeeyansh N** (Std-1B)

THE SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Here comes the school magazine
Filled with fun and energy
Covering our rush in studies
Making our mind very busy

Contains the glory of the school
Making it look cool
Looks like two roads diverged in woods

Making the name of student council arose
As they are given a very high post
Photos of some students feels funny
As they are wearing weird costume

Looking in its writing led to confusion
As some poems in it doesn't have any
conclusion

The work teachers put in is highly appreciated
As all of them look busy and suffocated

The magazine is the encyclopaedia of the school
The people who don't read it are fools.

By **Bangal Shweta** (8A)

"RADIANCE OF LIFE"

In The World So Wide,
Where Dreams And Hopes Collide,
Life's Charm Shines So Bright,
Filling Our Hearts With Pure Delight.

Every Moment, Big Or Small,
A Precious Gift For All,
Nature's Wonders, Love's Embrace,
Life's Beauty We Can't Replace.

So Let's Cherish Every Day,
In Our Unique Way,
In The Beauty We Find,
A Joy That's Truly Kind.

By **Rayjada Devanshiba N.** (8A)

शक्ती..

तु ना ही डरेगी, ना ही झुकेगी
बस तु आगे बढ़ती रहेगी ।

कोई जो रोके तुझे,
तो दे देना मुह-तोड जवाब उसे ।

कोई जो रोके तुझे,
तो सबक सीखा देना उसे ।

सीख ले उड़ना उड़ाना,
आज मे हु तेरे लिए कल तु रेहान किसी ओर के लिए।
चाहे कितना पीछे क्यु ना खींचे ये जमाना,
बस तु आगे बढ़ते रहना ।

By **Dhyani Sondagar** (10 A)

WOMAN

She is a Woman,
the divine power she holds,
femininity in her grace and purity in soul,
capable to connect earth and heaven,
even God takes birth by means of her.

The Legends vast and history's page,
Women's strength defines the age.
From ancient lore to modern light,
their courage fuels the endless sacrifice.

The evil and lewd approach of men can't
conquer her thoroughly,
the fear of darkness won't bring her to an end.
She would still fix her crown back with a
smile on her face,
she still found courage to live back with firm intent!

She is a Woman and She loves to be one,
She is described and worshiped as goddess
brings the dignity and prosper to her family,
within lies a warrior who holds the sword
which can cut a head to save her own.

From Sita's grace in Lanka's fire,
To Durga's strength, the fierce empire.

She can be a mother, a wife, a sister or a daughter,
no matter what position she holds!

Her presence can bloom
one's life into a peaceful place,
wherever she steps she succeeds,
she is a woman and She is Indescribable!

By **Mahi Kothari** (12 A)

DUORUM AMANTIUM FATA ALIGN

In the velvet expanse, where Altair and Vega shine,
Two stars, a love divine, forever entwined in time.
Their hearts, a celestial flame, that burns so bright and true,
A love that's strong, yet torn asunder, by the Milky Way's blue.

Like two lotus flowers, they bloom in the celestial sea,
Their petals unfolding, to reveal their love's destiny.
But alas, the river's vast and wide, that separates them from each other,
A chasm deep, that seems insurmountable, like a celestial slaughter.

Yet, Vega's tears fall like the stars, that she is made of fire,
Her sobs echoing through the void, a heart that's lost its desire.
For once a year, when the winds of fate align,
The magpies' bridge appears, a magical bridge that spans the divine.

Across the gulf of space and time, the two lovers meet,
Their hearts beating as one, in a love that's pure and sweet.
They dance beneath the starry sky, their love shining like a beacon bright,
A love that's strong enough to conquer, even the vastness of night.

The poem tells the story of two stars, Altair and Vega, who are deeply in love. They are separated by the vastness of the Milky Way, but their love remains strong. Vega's tears fall like stars, and she sobs in the void, longing to be reunited with Altair. Once a year, a magical bridge appears, allowing the two lovers to meet and dance together beneath the starry sky. Their love is eternal and bright, shining like a beacon through the darkness of night. The poem concludes that true love can conquer even the vastest distances, and their love will forever shine as a beacon of hope.

By **Siddh Mehta** (11 A)

RIDDLE

1. What are the two things you can never eat before breakfast?

Ans : Lunch and Dinner.

2. What has many rings but no fingers?

Ans : A Telephone

By **Kaneriya Shivansh K** (2 C)

• Art/ Craft •

Art and craft are creative forms of self-expression that turn simple materials into beautiful creations. These activities encourage imagination and innovation, whether painting, drawing, or crafting. Art allows us to express emotions while crafting teaches patience and problem-solving. Both art and craft connect us to our culture and inspire us to see the world differently. In school, they build skills like focus, coordination, and teamwork. The true beauty of art and craft lies not just in the final work but also in the process of creating it.



Tia Parmar (1 A)



Raiyani Hetansh (2 C)



Vihan Dangar (2 D)



Jethva Ved (1 A)



Vyas Prayag (2 A)



Akshat Gajjar (2 D)



Rahi Bhanderi (2 D)



Savaliya Griva (2 C)



Paranjaysinh Raayjada (4 A)



Saumya Jani (6 B)



Darsh Trivedi (5 A)



Rajvi Trivedi (6 D)



Dharmin Ghiyad (11 C)



Purvarajsinh Jadeja (12 C)



Jhanvi Siddhpura (9 B)



Hardeepsinh Sisodiya (12 A)



Thomas Robin David (6 C)



Kavya P Parsana (6 C)



*May millions of lamps illuminate
your life with endless joy
prosperity health and wealth forever*

Wishing you and your Family a
Happy Diwali and Happy New Year



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