

SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL RAJKOT



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EDITORIAL

As the curtains draw on another enriching semester, The Quill proudly brings you a glimpse into the vibrant life and spirit that defined the latter half of the academic year. This edition is a celebration of growth—of lessons learned, talents nurtured, and milestones achieved.

Through achievements, challenges, and shared experiences, our school has continued to thrive with enthusiasm and purpose. This newsletter captures those moments—academic pursuits, co-curricular highlights, and voices that echo creativity and passion.

This newsletter is more than just a summary—it's a narrative woven by countless voices, each contributing uniquely to the rich tapestry of our

school life. Teachers have mentored, guided, and inspired; students have risen to challenges with enthusiasm and courage; parents and guardians have supported every step with trust and encouragement.

We thank all contributors—writers, artists, photographers, editors—and of course, our readers, for being part of this ongoing journey. As you turn these pages, may you find not only cherished memories but also motivation for the chapters yet to be written. Here's to continuing to learn, grow, and shine—together. Happy Reading!

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all."

— Aristotle



Dear Parents, Staff, and Students,
Warm greetings to each one of you!

As we conclude yet another dynamic and fulfilling year in the journey of Saint Mary's School, I take this opportunity to reflect on the many blessings and milestones of the past academic year. Education at Saint Mary's has always aimed at the holistic development of every child — nurturing the intellect, spirit, and character — and it fills my heart with joy to see this vision unfolding beautifully.

Our students continue to shine in academics, demonstrating not just knowledge but curiosity, critical thinking, and a love for learning. Alongside, a wide array of co-curricular and extracurricular activities — from sports and arts to debates and quizzes — have provided vibrant platforms for our young minds to express themselves, discover their talents, and grow in confidence and leadership.

A defining moment of the year was our Annual Day celebration, 'Dhriti – Towards a Better Tomorrow'. Inspired by the United Nations 'Sustainable Development Goals', the event was a powerful call for awareness, responsibility, and action towards global challenges such as climate change, equality, peace, and sustainability. It was a visual and emotional experience, brought to life by the

dedication of our teachers, the energy of our students, and the steadfast support of our parents. My heartfelt thanks to everyone who made Dhriti a truly unforgettable event.

As the academic year comes to a close, I extend my sincere thanks to our teaching and non-teaching staff for their unwavering commitment and love for our students. Your hard work, commitment, and love for our students are the pillars that hold this institution strong.

To our parents, your constant encouragement and faith in us are invaluable. A student's learning involves and revolves around an effective partnership between school and home. The stronger the partnership, the more beneficial it is to the students. Parental involvement and encouragement can influence the students' attitude towards school, class room conduct and learning in a positive manner. As parents, you provide them with strong roots for supporting as educators. We provide them with wings to scale great heights. Our partnership as parents and teachers is successful if we can create future generations that prove to be assets to our nation.

And to our students — you are the heart of this institution; keep learning, keep growing, and never stop dreaming.

I take a moment to extend my congratulations to the members of 'News Letter committee' for bringing out the beautiful edition of 'The Quill'. Let us continue working together as one community — shaping minds, touching hearts, and building a better tomorrow.

With warm wishes and prayers,
Fr. Dr. Jilson Varghese CMI Principal

VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Students

From the very first day of the academic year 2024-2025, to the grand celebration of its conclusion, we embark on a journey of growth, discovery, and transformation. Every event, every lesson, and every challenge we face molds us into better individuals, preparing us for the future that awaits.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Says Nelson Mandela. Saint Mary's School is the hallways for students where their dreams take flight. Books open minds to new possibilities, and discussions shape ideas that may one day change the world. Our Prayer Day taught us the importance of gratitude, and Yoga Day reminded us that strength lies in balance. Through these experiences, we learn that education is not limited to classroom. It is in the wisdom we gain from reflection and the determination we build through discipline.

It was on Science Exhibition Day that young minds truly shined. Projects came to life, theories were explored, and the excitement of discovery filled the air. This day reminded us that curiosity fuels innovation, and learning beyond textbooks shapes true knowledge. Our commitment to Sustainable Development Goals which was the theme of our Annual Day brought us together as a community striving for a better future. Every step towards sustainability, every effort to create positive change, reinforced the idea that

education must be a force for good.

Competitions like elocution and declamation molded confident speakers, while sports events built resilience and teamwork. The spirit of healthy competition was not just about winning but about perseverance, integrity, and personal excellence. The award day we have celebrated was not just our achievements but reflected the effort behind them. We have honored leadership, discipline, creativity, and sportsmanship. Each award represents dedication, but beyond trophies and titles. This taught our students that success lies in the lessons learned along the way.

Our teachers, mentors, and staff have been the guiding light throughout this journey. Their dedication and encouragement fuel the aspirations of every student. Their belief in the potential of young minds ensures that no dream is too distant, no goal too unattainable.

Dear students, you are the heartbeat of Saint Mary's School. Your enthusiasm, curiosity, and determination make every day meaningful. Continue to learn, grow, and strive for greatness. For every lesson learned today becomes the foundation of tomorrow for your life.

Beloved parents, your unwavering support makes all difference in our school. You instill values that empower children to seek knowledge, ask questions, and pursue their passions. Education is a shared journey, one that is enriched by love, patience, and encouragement.

I would like to conclude saying let us carry forward the lessons, the friendships, and the memories that have shaped us in the academic year. The path ahead is filled with endless possibilities, with dedication and perseverance, that lead us all to bloom our dreams in life.

Thank you

Fr. Binesh T. Jacob CMI
Vice-Principal

From Chalkboards to Cherished Memories – Bidding Adieu to a True Mentor– Niraj Joshi Sir



With hearts full of admiration and gratitude, we extend our sincerest wishes to Niraj Sir as he retires after an inspiring and dedicated journey of over two decades at Saint Mary's School.

Born in Viramgam on 12th December 1966, Niraj Sir has always exemplified the pursuit of excellence—both in learning and in life. His academic accomplishments are as impressive as his humility. He holds a B.Sc. in Physics and

Mathematics, an M.Sc. in Physics, a B.Ed., a Diploma in Computer Science, and a Diploma in Marketing and Management—a true scholar with a lifelong passion for education.

But beyond his qualifications lies a rare brilliance—a multitalented soul gifted without any formal training, whose talents speak louder than any accolade. A master of many instruments, he effortlessly plays the harmonium, flute, mouth organ, side rhythms like khanjari and manjira. His melodious singing voice has always added a magical touch to every school event.

He has served as the Board Exam In-charge for a significant period, earning the trust of the institution with his precision and dependability. His contribution to both academics and administration has been instrumental in shaping the school's standards.

A college-level badminton champion, he brought home trophies in doubles—showing that his excellence was not confined to the classroom. A spiritually inclined avid reader, he carries with him a depth of understanding and calm wisdom that inspires everyone around him.

Above all, Niraj Sir is known for his gentle nature, loving and caring attitude toward students, his fearless and grounded demeanor, and his soft-spoken, helpful personality. He has always been dedicated to his subject, a mentor, a good friend, and a counsellor—deeply respected and dearly loved.

As he retires his presence will always remain in the very fabric of our school. He has not just taught lessons from textbooks — he has taught by example, by kindness, and by his grace.

We thank him for his unwavering service, and we wish him a future filled with peace, creativity, and the same joy he brought to all of us.

With love and deepest respect,

Saint Mary's Family



GLIMPSES OF ACTIVITIES

ELEVATING EDUCATORS



Saint Mary's School hosted an insightful and enriching workshop on the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) and English Language Teaching (ELT) Skills and Pedagogy. The session



was conducted by the highly esteemed Mr. Rajeevan Karal, a senior ELT professional and seasoned teacher trainer from Bangalore, with over 45 years of experience in the field.

SAINT MARY'S DAY: A LEGACY OF FAITH AND SERVICE.



Saint Mary's Day, the Titular Feast of our school, was celebrated with reverence and joy on 7th December, 2024 marking the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on 8th December.

The celebration began with the soulful hymn "Ave Maria" honouring Mother Mary, our beloved patroness and the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolizing divine grace. A heartfelt speech by a student highlighted the significance of the day and the legacy of our school. A graceful dance performance to "Mary, Did You Know?" beautifully captured the spirit of devotion. The



event served as a reminder of our core values — faith, service, and compassion — and strengthened the bond that every Saint Marian shares with our school and its guiding light, Mother Mary.

GRAND ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATION: 'DHRITI 2024-25'



St. Mary's School celebrated its Grand Annual Day, 'Dhriti: Towards a Better Tomorrow', on the 13th and 14th of December, 2024, themed around the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Students brought to life seven of the 17 SDGs through captivating dramas and vibrant dance performances. The selected goals were: Zero Hunger, Good Health and Well-Being, Gender Equality, Decent Work and Economic Growth, Reduced Inequalities, Climate Action, and Partnerships for the Goals. Each performance highlighted the relevance and urgency of these global objectives, leaving a lasting impression on the audience.





The event was graced by distinguished guests, including Rev. Fr. Binoy (Provincial), Rev. Fr. George (School Manager), Dr. Navnath Gavhane IAS (DDO Rajkot), Sri Ashish Kumar Pandey IRS (Income Tax Joint Commissioner), and Dr. Ketan Thakkar, a renowned orthopaedic specialist and proud alumnus of the school. Their presence and words of encouragement greatly inspired the students. The event concluded on a high note, reinforcing the school's vision of shaping informed, compassionate, and proactive global citizens.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS : A SEASON OF JOY AND TOGETHERNESS



Christmas, a time of love, joy, and togetherness, was celebrated with festive spirit at our school on 23rd December. The day began with a Drawing Competition for junior and senior students on the theme "Christmas Tree & Santa Claus." A vibrant Cultural Programme followed at 9:00 AM featuring heartfelt prayers, lively dances, skits, and carols with a cheerful visit from Santa.



Additional activities included a Card Making Competition, Christmas Tree Decoration, Carol Singing, and a beautiful live crib, all bringing the festive spirit alive. The celebration concluded with a joyful staff get-together at 11:45 AM in the primary auditorium, where teachers sang carols and enjoyed coffee and cake, strengthening the bonds of community and cheer.

"Community Care : MSW Initiative for Food and Fund Collection"



On 31st December 2024, the Marian Service Wing (MSW) organized a food and fund collection drive as part of its ongoing community service initiatives. The objective was to support families facing food insecurity and financial challenges. Students, parents, teachers, and staff came together to contribute generously.

Donations included non-perishable food items such as rice, wheat flour, jowar, bajra, and slippers, along with monetary contributions.



The collected items were distributed on 7th January 2025. Funds were donated to Navjeevan Trust and Ramrachit Foundation, while food packets were delivered to families residing in slum areas. This thoughtful initiative provided essential support to those in need and reinforced the value of compassion and community care in the hearts of the students.

CAREER GUIDANCE SESSION



To support students in making informed choices about their future, a Career Guidance Session was held for the Higher Secondary students on 10th January, 2025 at 9:00 AM in the Primary Auditorium. The session was led by esteemed resource persons from Christ University, Bangalore : Rev. Fr. Bijo George CMI, Dr. Mahesh Kumar, Mr. Sauransh and Mr. Sijad.



Students received valuable insights into various academic streams, emerging career opportunities, and the importance of aligning interests with future goals. The speakers engaged the audience with practical advice, real-life examples, and detailed information on career planning and higher education options.

YOUR HEALTH IS OUR PRIORITY (FREE MEDICAL CAMP)



As part of its ongoing commitment to promoting health awareness and student well-being, in collaboration with Christ Hospital, Rajkot, School organized a Free Medical Camp and Health

Awareness Seminar on 13th January. The event featured an insightful seminar led by Dr. Amishi Dave, Consultant Medical Dietician, who shared valuable guidance on maintaining a healthy lifestyle tailored to students' needs. The seminar emphasized the importance of balanced nutrition, physical activity, and regular health check-ups.



In addition to the seminar, a comprehensive medical check-up was conducted for 5th standard students, focusing on weight assessment, eyesight screening, and dental health evaluation. The initiative aimed to foster early awareness of health and hygiene practices and encourage students to adopt lifelong healthy habits.

Republic Day Celebration & Alumni Meet 2025



St. Mary's School marked Republic Day, 2025 with a vibrant celebration that reflected patriotism and legacy. The event was graced by Mr. Rajiv Modi, Chairperson & Managing Director of Sasken Technologies Ltd., and a proud alumnus from the 1973-74 batch, who had the honour of unfurling the National Flag.



The celebration was made even more special by the presence of 21 alumni from the 1973–74 batch, who gathered for a heartwarming reunion. A major highlight was the inauguration of the newly renovated High School Auditorium, a generous contribution made possible through their deep-rooted connection and support.



Their presence was both inspiring and heartwarming, showcasing how the ties formed during school years can continue to shape the future in powerful ways. Their presence inspired current students and reinforced the value of tradition, gratitude, and continued commitment to the school's growth.

Workshop on Chandrayan - 3 by Mr. Nilesh Makwana (ISRO Scienstist)



On 28th December, 2024, Saint Mary's School, Rajkot, had the privilege of welcoming alumnus Mr. Nilesh Makwana, an esteemed ISRO engineer from ISRO Ahmedabad.



He conducted an engaging seminar for the primary students, sharing fascinating insights about India's space missions and his incredible experience in Antarctica. With simple language and vivid visuals, Mr. Nilesh inspired young minds to dream big and explore the wonders of science and space. His presence not only instilled pride among the students and staff but also highlighted the achievements of Saint Mary's alumni making remarkable contributions to the nation.

Empowering Preparedness : Disaster Management Seminar



A seminar-cum-workshop on Disaster Management was organized on February 1st for students of Standards VII, VIII, and IX, conducted by experts from RMC (Relief and Mitigation Cell). The session aimed to raise awareness about disaster preparedness, response, and recovery, empowering students with the knowledge and skills needed to act effectively during emergencies.



The seminar featured engaging presentations, practical demonstrations, and interactive activities that covered a range of potential scenarios like fire safety. Students actively participated and learned how to remain calm and respond strategically in high-stress situations.

SPRINT & SHINE: MINI SPORTS DAY 2025



Saint Mary's School celebrated its much-anticipated Mini Sports Day on 8th February, filling the campus with vibrant energy, enthusiasm, and house spirit. The event was a perfect blend of athletic excellence, discipline, and camaraderie, bringing together students and staff for a fun-filled day of sporting action.



The day commenced with an impressive march-past, where students from all houses displayed unity and discipline as they marched in perfect synchrony, proudly representing their houses.

The field events included sprints, relays, obstacle races, and age-appropriate fun games, all of which witnessed spirited participation and loud cheers from the audience.



The event culminated with the distribution of certificates to recognize outstanding performances. The highlight of the day was the declaration of YELLOW House as the overall champion, earning thunderous applause and well-deserved pride.



PARIKSHA PE CHARCHA

Students of Standards VII to XI enthusiastically took part in the online viewing of Pariksha Pe Charcha on 10th February, an annual interactive session led by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi. The event offered students a unique opportunity to gain valuable insights directly from the nation's leader.



The session was both motivational and enlightening, focusing on key areas such as exam stress management, effective time management, and goal setting. With relatable anecdotes and practical advice, the Prime Minister encouraged students to embrace exams as opportunities rather than challenges.

CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF WOMANHOOD: Women's Day 2025



On 8th March 2025, the staff of St. Mary's came together for a warm and meaningful post-school Women's Day celebration, honouring the invaluable role of women in everyday life. The event offered a beautiful opportunity for reflection, recognition, and celebration of the strength, resilience, and dedication of women across all walks of life.

The gathering was filled with energy and enthusiasm as teachers took center stage, showcasing their talents through lively dance and soulful singing performances. Their participation added a vibrant and joyful touch to the occasion.



Heartfelt messages and tokens of appreciation were presented to all staff members, acknowledging their unwavering commitment and hard work. The atmosphere was one of mutual respect, admiration, and unity.

CROWNING THE BEST: ANNUAL AWARD DAY CELEBRATION



The Annual Award Day was celebrated on 29th March 2025 to honour students for their outstanding dedication and achievements during the academic year 2024–2025.



Prestigious accolades such as the Brainwave Bonanza Awards, Vice-Captains Awards, Disciplinary Awards, Best Disciplined Student Award, and Best Student Award were presented to deserving recipients. The event was a blend of recognition and celebration, highlighted by engaging entertainment programs and a nostalgic flashback of the academic year.



A FOND FAREWELL



Our school recently bids a heartfelt farewell to Mr. Niraj Joshi, who retired after 21 years of dedicated and inspiring service. The farewell ceremony was an emotional tribute, with students and colleagues sharing fond memories and stories

that reflected his profound influence on their lives. His guidance extended far beyond the classroom, nurturing both academic excellence and personal growth. A token of appreciation was presented as a symbol of our deep respect and gratitude. As we celebrate his remarkable legacy, we wish him a peaceful and fulfilling retirement, knowing his positive impact will continue to inspire for years to come.



BATTLE OF BRILLIANCE

Voices of Victory: Saint Mary's School Excels at Times Public Speaking Contest

Saint Mary's School, Rajkot, achieved remarkable success at the Times Public Speaking Contest, organized by the Times of India in association with Navrachana University. The Preliminary Round, held on 21 November, 2024, saw one student in the Junior Category (Grades 8-10) and three students in the Senior Category (Grades 11-12) from Saint Mary's making it to the top 15 after rigorous group discussion rounds.



Out of 260 participants in the Junior Category and 100 in the Senior Category, Saint Marians delivered exceptional performances. In the Final Round on 22 November, 2024, Upadhyaya

Mangalya (Grade 10) secured the Third Runner-Up Position in the Junior Category, while Dattani Shyam (Grade 12) earned the Third Runner-Up Position in the Senior Category and qualified for the State level competition to be held at Ahmedabad on 6th December. Congratulations to our champions!

Saint Mary's Crowned 'Best School' at Spandan 2024

A proud moment for Saint Mary's School, Rajkot! 78 students from our High School and Higher Secondary sections participated in 'Spandan 2024', the State-Level Inter-School Competitions held at Christ College, Rajkot, on 24 November, 2024.



Demonstrating outstanding talent and dedication, 30 of our students won prizes across various competitions, earning accolades for their brilliant performances. Their collective efforts and excellence led Saint Mary's to be declared the 'Best School' at the event.

Hearty congratulations to all participants and winners for this remarkable achievement!

PATRIOTIC SINGING COMPETITION



An Inter-House Patriotic Singing Competition was held on 11th January 2025, featuring solo performances by students of Std. 3 to 5 and group singing by students of Std. 6 to 8. The event aimed to nurture musical talent while enhancing students' language and presentation skills. It also served as a meaningful way to instill the spirit of patriotism and educate young minds about the importance of Republic Day.



The primary students participated with great enthusiasm and confidence, showcasing their talents through melodious performances that reflected their love for the nation and pride in its rich heritage.

DECLAMATION COMPETITION



A Declamation Competition was held on 16th January 2025 for students of Std. 6 to 8, aimed at honing their oratory skills and boosting their

confidence. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation, with students showcasing impressive command over the English language and delivering powerful speeches on a range of topics—from social issues to personal experiences.



Their eloquence, expression, and passion ignited a spirit of healthy competition and camaraderie among peers. The event not only enhanced their public speaking abilities but also encouraged them to think critically and articulate their thoughts effectively, making it a truly enriching experience for all participants.

BRAINWAVE BONANZA-QUIZ CONTEST



Saint Mary's School successfully conducted the grand finale of the Brainwave Bonanza Quiz Contest—an engaging three-day inter-class competition held on 12th, 13th, and 14th February 2025 for students of Grades 3 to 8. Designed to foster critical thinking, teamwork, and a passion for learning, the event saw enthusiastic participation and an encouraging turnout of parents as the audience.





Each day featured different grade levels: Grades 3 and 4 impressed with their quick thinking on 12th February; Grades 5 and 6 showcased strong recall and coordination on 13th February; and Grades 7 and 8 demonstrated remarkable intellect and composure on 14th February. The quiz included multiple engaging rounds such as General Knowledge, Science & Technology, Audio-Visual, Notice Board Content, Rapid Fire, and Current Affairs. The structured format kept the excitement high, encouraging active participation and healthy competition. The event was a resounding success, celebrating young minds and their thirst for knowledge.

Science Exhibition

Science exhibition was conducted on 28th February, 2025 to commemorate National Science Day for the students of std 3rd to 8th. It was a platform where creativity, innovation and knowledge were displayed.



A showcase of diverse array of scientific experiments, models and project. This event encouraged students to think critically, to solve problems and work collaboratively.



SMALL STEPS... BIG DREAMS...

Lower Primary Section

Yummy in my Tummy



Our school organized a fun and creative sandwich-making activity named "Yummy In My Tummy" on 20th November 2024 for the students of Std-1st, whereas students of Std-2nd were asked to make Bhel on 30th November 2024. Students enthusiastically participated, showcasing their culinary skills and creativity by preparing colourful and nutritious Sandwiches and Bhel. The activity emphasized the importance of healthy eating and allowed students to experiment with different ingredients

and flavors. It was a delightful and educational experience, leaving everyone inspired to make simple yet delicious snacks at home.

Best out Of Waste



Our school organized a "Best Out of Waste" activity on 21st November, 2024, encouraging students to showcase their creativity and promote recycling.

Participants used discarded materials like paper, plastic, match sticks, spoons, and empty match boxes to craft innovative and useful items such as pen holders, wall hangings, and decorative pieces. The activity highlighted the importance of sustainability and environmental awareness. It was inspiring to see students transform waste into beautiful creations, spreading the message of reusing and reducing waste effectively.

Welcome Winter



To embrace the arrival of winter, our school organized a delightful activity on 27th November, 2024. Students enthusiastically participated, creating a vibrant atmosphere filled with warmth and cheer. The event included an activity of winter-themed arts and crafts. This activity brought the school community together, spreading joy and excitement as we welcomed the winter season.

Festive Fun- Christmas activity



During the festive season, our students brought the magic of Christmas alive with colours, glitter, and a whole lot of imagination! As part of a special activity, students were invited to colour and decorate Christmas trees, and the results were nothing short of spectacular. This activity not only allowed students to express their artistic flair but also reminded us all of the joy and togetherness that the holiday season brings.

Kite Making



Our school conducted a creative Kite Making Activity that filled the campus with colour and excitement. Students from standard 1st and 2nd participated with great enthusiasm, designing and decorating kites using vibrant paper, sticks, and strings. The activity encouraged creativity, teamwork, and hands-on learning. Each kite was unique, showcasing the imagination and skill of the students. The joy of making something with their own hands made the experience truly special.

Blaze – “To Amaze”: A Celebration of Talent and Joy



The Annual Function of Lower Primary (Std 1 & 2), titled “Blaze – To Amaze”, was held on 22nd March, 2025, with immense enthusiasm and festive spirit. The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by our esteemed Chief Guest, Dr. Nandish Thakker, a renowned Gynaecologist of Rajkot and an accomplished alumnus of our school.



The young performers dazzled the audience with a variety of cultural programmes, including energetic dances, melodious songs, and entertaining skits. Each act reflected creativity, teamwork, and confidence. Dr. Thakker in his address, lauded the school's dedication to holistic education and talent development.



The event concluded with the national anthem, leaving everyone with cherished memories of a truly inspiring evening.

CELEBRATING EXPRESSION : POEM RECITATION COMPETITION



On 2nd December 2024, our school hosted a Poem Recitation Competition that celebrated the beauty of language and expression. Held in two engaging rounds, the event stood out as students recited poems in English, Hindi, and Gujarati, reflecting our commitment to linguistic diversity.



Participants impressed the judges with their clear pronunciation, expressive voice modulation, and confident stage presence. The competition provided a creative platform for students to explore the emotional depth and rhythm of poetry.

Elocution Competition



On 30th December 2024, our school hosted an inspiring Elocution Competition that provided students with a platform to articulate their thoughts confidently and clearly. The event was conducted in two rounds—the first featured prepared speeches, while the second tested finalists with spontaneous topics.



Participants spoke passionately on a range of subjects, demonstrating strong communication skills, expressive delivery, and impressive stage presence. The competition enhanced their public speaking and critical thinking abilities.

A TEST OF SHARP MINDS : MEMORY GAME COMPETITION



On 4th January 2025, our school hosted an exciting Memory Game Competition that put students' observation and recall abilities to the test. Designed to challenge their focus and mental agility, participants were tasked with memorizing objects and patterns within a limited time frame. The event was met with great enthusiasm, as students eagerly competed, showcasing their sharp memory and quick thinking.

Winners were applauded for their impressive cognitive skills. The competition proved to be both fun and educational, offering a playful yet effective way to boost brainpower and encourage healthy competition among students.

DANCING STARS: SOLO DANCE COMPETITION

On 8th February 2025, the stage sparkled with energy as students of Class 1 and 2 showcased their talent in the Solo Dance Competition. From graceful classical moves to lively contemporary performances, each participant brought their own style and story to life through dance.



The auditorium echoed with cheers and music as young dancers impressed with their rhythm, expression, and confidence. The judges faced a tough task selecting winners, as every performance was memorable. Events like this nurture creativity, build stage presence, and celebrate talent. Congratulations to all the young performers and heartfelt thanks to the teachers for organizing a wonderful event!

TOKEN OF ACHIEVEMENT: CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION



Our school recently organized a Certificate Distribution Ceremony to honour students for their remarkable performances in various competitions. Certificates of excellence and

participation were awarded, celebrating the dedication, effort, and achievements of each student. The atmosphere was filled with pride and joy as students received their certificates amid applause and cheerful smiles. This event not only recognized hard work but also motivated others to take part and strive for excellence. It was a heartwarming celebration of talent and perseverance, reminding everyone that consistent effort and enthusiasm always lead to success and recognition.

OLYMPIAD ACHIEVEMENTS: A MOMENT OF PRIDE



We are proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students in the recent Olympiad examinations. Their hard work, dedication, and academic brilliance earned them medals and certificates across various subjects.



Notably, Tej Aghera from Std 1C and Akshat Gajjar from Std 2D received prestigious awards and cash prizes for their exceptional performance, bringing immense pride to our school. These accomplishments reflect the perseverance of our students and the unwavering support of our dedicated teachers. Congratulations to all the winners! May their success inspire others to aim high and continue the pursuit of academic excellence in every field.

PLAY WAY PARADISE

Kindergarten Section

Activities

English Activities :

Match the letters: Learning letters has never been this exciting! Our Kindergarten students enjoyed a hands-on activity called "Match the letters", where they explored the world of small and capital letters through play and discovery.



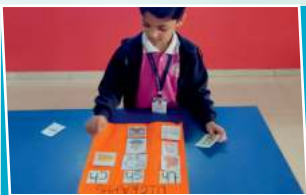
Vowel CVC words : Our KG students enjoyed a delightful and interactive CVC words activity that helped them take their first big step into the world of reading.

Reading sight words and Action words: Our tiny students had an exciting and energetic day exploring Sight words and Action words through fun-filled activities designed to spark curiosity and build early literacy skills.



Pronouns: Our KG students had a wonderful time learning about pronouns in a fun and interactive way! Pronouns are special words like he, she, it, and they that we use to replace nouns. To help our little learners understand them better, we turned the classroom into a playful learning zone!

Blends: Our Kindergarten students had a fun-filled activity focused on blends – two letters that come together to make one sound, like bl, cl, st, and gr. These unique sound pairs help young learners take their first steps into reading longer and more exciting words! To make learning blends exciting and hands-on, our little learners enjoyed a variety of activities.



Digraphs: Our Kindergarten students recently explored the exciting world of digraphs – when two letters come together to make one sound, like sh, ch, th, and wh. To help them understand and enjoy these new sounds, a fun and interactive Digraphs Activity Day was organized in the classroom.

One and many: Our Kindergarten students enjoyed a fun and colorful activity on the concept of "One and Many". Through playful learning, the little ones explored how to identify and talk about singular and plural objects using simple words and real-life examples. This interactive approach helped our young learners clearly understand the difference between one and many while having lots of fun with their friends.



Position words : Our Kindergarten students had a fun time learning position words like in, on, under, and behind. Through playful activities like placing toys in different spots, acting out position words, and going on a classroom treasure hunt, children learned how to describe where things are.



Rebus: Our KG students had a wonderful time exploring Rebus sentences – a fun way to read using pictures and words together! Children enjoyed reading simple sentences where pictures replaced some words, like “I see a (sun)” or “The (cat) is on the (mat).” Activities included matching rebus cards, creating their own rebus stories, and group reading sessions. This playful method made reading exciting and helped build vocabulary, comprehension, and confidence. A truly picture-perfect learning experience!

Maths Activities :

Measurement Moments: Using non-standard units like blocks, pencils, or their hands, students measured lengths and heights of various classroom objects–sparking curiosity and problem-solving. (Long and short, Same and different, Thick and Thin, Heavy and light)



Fun with Numbers: Our Kindergarten students had an exciting day filled with joyful learning during the Fun with Numbers activity! Through playful games and hands-on tasks, children explored numbers in creative ways. Activities included number hunts, number names, after-before and between numbers, Greater and smaller numbers, counting with beads, and matching number cards with objects. Students also enjoyed singing number rhymes and solving simple puzzles with their friends. The activity made counting and number recognition enjoyable, building a strong math foundation through fun and movement. Our little learners truly proved that math can be magical!



Shapes All Around : Our Kindergarten students had a fantastic time exploring the world of shapes during a fun-filled math activity day! Children identified and played with basic shapes like circle, square, triangle, and rectangle through exciting games and hands-on tasks. Activities included shape treasure hunts, creating shape pictures with cut-outs, and sorting objects by their shapes.



Calendar Fun : Our Kindergarten students had a wonderful time learning about the Days of the Week and Months of the Year through an exciting Calendar Fun activity! Children sang lively songs like “There are Seven Days” and “Twelve Months in a Year” to remember the names and order. They arranged colorful flashcards in sequence and took part in games like “What comes before?” and “What comes after?” to understand the concepts of time and order.



Playing With Patterns : KG students had a fun time learning patterns using beads, blocks, and actions like clapping and jumping. They created colorful repeating patterns and enjoyed spotting “what comes next.” It was a playful way to build thinking and math skills!



Art Activities :

Print and Play: Our Kindergarten students had a delightful time during the Print & Play activity, where they explored the joy of printing using everyday objects! Children used leaves, vegetables, sponges, polythene, palms, fingers, and even bottle caps to create beautiful patterns and colorful artwork. From leaf printing to finger painting, each child expressed creativity while learning about shapes, textures, and colors. This hands-on activity not only sparked their imagination but also helped improve their fine motor skills.



Cotton Sticking: Our Kindergarten students enjoyed a creative and joyful Cotton Sticking Activity, where they turned simple pictures into fluffy masterpieces! Using cotton balls, glue, and lots of imagination, children decorated drawings of clouds, sheep, snowmen, and more. The soft texture and hands-on experience made the activity both fun and educational, helping improve fine motor skills and creativity.

Ear Bud Dabbing : Our Kindergarten students had a blast during the Ear Bud Dabbing Activity, where they explored art in a fun and creative way! Using ear buds dipped in bright paints, the children created beautiful dot patterns and filled in pictures of trees, flowers, balloons, and more. This activity helped improve their hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills while encouraging creativity.



Spray Printing : Our Kindergarten students thoroughly enjoyed the Spray Printing Activity, turning paper into colorful masterpieces! Using brushes filled with paint, children created beautiful patterns by spraying over leaves, shapes, and stencils. The activity encouraged creativity, improved motor skills, and introduced them to a fun new way of painting.

GK Activities :

Healthy food VS unhealthy food: Our Kindergarten students took a tasty step toward healthy living through the Healthy and Unhealthy Food Activity! With colorful flashcards, food cut-outs, and fun sorting games, children learned to identify healthy foods like fruits, vegetables, and milk, and differentiate them from unhealthy options like chips, candies, and sodas. They also enjoyed a "lunchbox check" and created food plates using paper cuttings.



Daily helpers: KG students enjoyed learning about Daily Helpers like doctors, teachers, and police officers through role play and fun stories. Some dressed up and spoke about their favorite helper. It was a great way to build respect and awareness of community roles!

Sink and float: Our Kindergarten students had a fun, hands-on experience during the Sink and Float activity! Using water tubs, they tested different objects like stones, leaves, balls, and spoons to see which items sink and which float. Children made predictions and observed the results with excitement. This simple experiment sparked curiosity and introduced basic science concepts in a playful and memorable way!



All About Air : Our Kindergarten students explored the invisible world of air through fun and simple activities! They blew balloons, flew paper fans, and watched feathers move with a gentle puff—all to understand that air is around us and helps things move.



Fun With Seasons: KG students enjoyed learning about the four seasons through songs, stories, and art. They matched pictures and made creative crafts. It was a fun way to understand weather and seasonal changes!

Colours Around Us: Our little learners discovered the magic of colours with songs, artwork, and classroom games. They enjoyed painting, sorting, and sharing their favourite colours, making learning a joyful experience.



Plants need this : Our Kindergarten students explored what plants need to grow through the “Plants Need This” activity! Using simple visuals and hands-on planting, children learned that plants need air, water, sunlight, and soil. They enjoyed watering seeds while learning how to care for living things. It was a fun & meaningful way to connect with nature & understand the basics of plant life!

Vegetables, Fruits: Our Kindergarten students had a healthy and happy time during the Fruits and Vegetables Activity! They learned to identify different fruits and vegetables through songs, flashcards, and real samples. It was a fun way to learn about healthy eating and the importance of fruits and vegetables in our daily life!



Vroom Vroom Vehicles : KG students learned about land, air, and water transport using pictures, toy models, and fun games. They enjoyed role-playing as drivers and pilots, making learning about vehicles exciting and fun!

Spell Bee :



Our KG students took part in a fun and exciting Spell Bee Competition! With confidence and enthusiasm, the little ones spelled simple words and showcased their growing vocabulary. The activity boosted their language skills and built

self-confidence. It was a buzzing event full of learning and cheerful participation!

CVC Sprint :



Our little learners raced through words in the exciting CVC Sprint Competition! In this competition pictures were given and students were asked to write maximum number of CVC (Consonant-Vowel-Consonant) Words in the given time limit. The activity boosted their reading skills, speed, and confidence. It was a fun-filled learning race, and every child was a winner!

Handwriting :



Our Kindergarten students participated in a Handwriting Competition with great excitement! They carefully wrote letters and words, showing neatness and effort. The activity encouraged focus, fine motor skills, and pride in their work. It was a delightful display of little hands doing big things!

A Kaleidoscope of Creativity K.G. Annual Day



The Kindergarten Annual Day, themed “The Palette of Creativity”, was held on the 21st and 22nd of February, 2025, and showcased the vibrant talents of our young learners.



The event was honoured by the presence of Ms. Darshi Prashant Vora, the former Headmistress of Priylok Vilas, The Rajkumar College, Rajkot, who presided over the function as the chief guest.

The two-day celebration featured a delightful array of performances, combining music, dance, and drama, reflecting the creativity and enthusiasm of the students. Parents and guests appreciated the efforts of the children and staff in making the event a grand success.

Talent Show (Pre-KG) :

Our little champs shined bright during the Talent Show, showcasing their unique skills with confidence! From singing and dancing to storytelling and fancy dress, each child got a moment in the spotlight.



The event celebrated creativity, self-expression, and joyful participation. It was a heartwarming display of talent and confidence from our little stars!

No Books Day :

Our KG students enjoyed a joyful No Books Day, filled with fun and hands-on learning! The day included games, storytelling, art, music, and outdoor play—giving children a break from routine and a chance to explore through activities.



It was a refreshing experience that made learning even more exciting and playful!

PINNACLE OF SUCCESS

ACHIEVEMENTS

CHAMPIONS OF KNOWLEDGE ; OLYMPIAD 2025

GEBCI Olympiad competition was successfully conducted with the enthusiastic participation of 257 students from standards 1 to 8. The event aimed to foster academic excellence and encourage competitive spirit among young learners across various subjects such as Mathematics, Science, English, and General Knowledge.



Vithlani Harsh D.
(3rd std)



Ghadia Vidhi U.
(7th std)



Joshi Darsh B.
(8th std)

Elocution Competition - School Achievement ; January 30, 2025 (Thursday)

It was a proud moment for St. Mary's School as two students won prizes in the Interschool Elocution Competition held at Kotecha High School, Rajkot. The winners were:



Rachi Rajyaguru
2nd Position
(High School)



Bhavya Antani
3rd Position
(Higher Secondary)

Athletics – Achievements at State Level



KARATE

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KARATE

Under 17 Years – Boys
(35 – 40 kg weight)

First position

Doshi Nirmay J. (11C)

KARATE

Under 17 Years – Boys
(40 – 45 kg weight)

First Position

Dhruvin Lathiya (9 A)



KARATE

Girls – Under 17 Years
(above 68 Kg weight)

First position

Dave Swati (11 A)



KARATE

Under 17 Yrs – Boys
(Under 40 – 44 Kg weight)

Third Position

Vrishty Popat (10 B)



Students represented at Saurashtra – Kutch zone (State Level)

Football

Boys
Under 17 yrs



Ayan Chauhan
(11 C)



Kathan Ghelani
(11 C)

BasketBall

Boys
Under 17 yrs



Desai Jainam
(10 A)



Joshi Pratham
(11 C)



BasketBall

Girls
Under 17 yrs

Panjwani Prachi
(9 A)



Annabelle Lawrence
(9 B)

U-14Volleyball zone champions



MATTER ????????????????????



KHELMAHAKU U-11 Badminton

Secured 2nd Position in
District Tournament

Priyanshu shah(3A)

Skating :

Dhruvansh Darania secured 4th rank for the Short Race in the National Speed Skating Championship 2024 at Surat and is eligible for the International Event in 2025.



GEB-CI Olympiad

A special mention goes to Jay Madhani of Class 9A, who has brought laurels to the school with his outstanding achievement, earning a cash award for his top performance.



PALETTE OF ART AND WORDS

MY TREE

Once upon a time, there was a big tree in a park near my house. It had twisty branches and deep roots that made it look strong. I sat under the tree every day after school because it felt like a friendly giant there for me. One windy afternoon, a huge storm hit our town and the wind blew very hard. The tree swayed so much that I got scared it might fall. Even though the storm was loud and fierce, the tree did not break or fall. I remembered what my mum said about trees being heroes who protect us. So, I tied a bright ribbon around one of its branches to show my thanks. The next morning, the ribbon was torn, and a small note was hanging on the branch. I think the tree was sending me a secret message of thanks. I felt happy with my tree.

- Jeet Mehta, 7-C



TONGUE TWISTERS

ENGLISH

1. I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream.
2. How much wood would a woodchuck. chuck , if a woodchuck could chuck wood?
3. Friendly frogs frolicked freely from France.
4. Eleven elephants eagerly eating Easter eggs.
5. If two witches were watching two watches,
6. Which witch would watch which watch?

"Shruti ni Putri Kruti"

Mehta Riharth (Std-2 C)

HINDI

1. चंदू के चाचा ने, चंदू की चाची को, चांदनी चौक में, चांदनी रात में, चांदी के चमची से चटनी चटाई
2. खड़कसिंघ के खड़क ने से खड़क ती हैं खिड़कियां
खिड़कियाँ के खड़क ने से खड़क ते हैं खड़कसिंह

Shweta Bangal(8th-A)

नारी

एक नारी नहीं हे तू,
अपने आप में त्रिनेत्र धारी हे तू,
आसमान की उड़ान भरनेवाली गुंजन भी तू।

एक नारी नहीं हे तू,
अपने आप में त्रिनेत्र धारी हे तू,
मर्दानी शिखानेवाली शिवानी भी तू।

एक नारी नहीं हे तू,
अपने आप में त्रिनेत्र धारी हे तू,
खेल जगत में नाम बनाने वाली सानिया मिर्जा भी तू।

एक नारी नहीं हे तू,
अपने आप में त्रिनेत्र धारी हे तू,
अंतरिक्ष में जाने वाली कल्पना चावला भी तू।

एक नारी नहीं हे तू,
अपने आप में त्रिनेत्र धारी हे तू,
प्रधान मंत्री बनने वाली इंदिरा गांधी भी तू।

एक नारी नहीं हे तू,
अपने आप में त्रिनेत्र धारी हे तू,
विष का प्याला पीने वाली मीरा भी तू।

एक नारी नहीं हे तू,
अपने आप में त्रिनेत्र धारी हे तू,
प्यार बांटने वाली मधुर टेरेसा भी तू।

एक नारी नहीं हे तू,
अपने आप में त्रिनेत्र धारी हे तू,
प्यार की मूरत राधा भी तू।

Nupur.R.Acharya
(Std. 11 C)

The legendry man

Ratan Tata

1. Ratan Tata was the best pilot.
2. He was the best businessman.
3. Ratan Tata was a real diamond for India.
4. He was born on 28th December 1937 and died on 9th October 2024.
5. Ratan Tata was an Indian industrialist.

Raiyani Hetansh (Std -2 C)

Friends

Friends are the treasure,
They give us pleasure.
They make us happy,
So, we don't feel gloomy.
Miles can't keep us apart,
Coz' we are close by hearts.
They are very good,
When we are not in mood.
They are the best,
During the hardest test.
They give us pleasure
So don't lose this treasure...

Devanshiba Rayjada (Std. 8 A)



Poem

Up, up, up goes my kite,
Flying high and out of sight,
Dancing, twirling in the air,
Floating here and floating there!

The wind it whispers, "come and play!"
My kite just laughed and flies away.
Over trees and roofs so tall,
Like a bird—it sees it all!

But oh no! The string is tight,
Hold on, hold on, with all my might!
With a giggle and a cheer,
I bring my kite back near!

Vruddhi Hirani (Std-2 D)

Poem

One, one, one
Little dog run,
Two, two, two
Cats see you,
Three, three, three
Birds on a tree,
Four, four, four
Rats on the floor,
Five, five, five
What a tasty pie!

Rahi Bhanderi (Std- 2 D)

SCHOOL MEMORIES

School years are like chapters in a book, each filled with its own unique stories and moments. These memories, leave a lasting impression. School is more than just a place where we learn; it's where we create memories that last a life time. For an 8th grader, this period is filled with unique and unforgettable experiences that shape who we are. In the classroom, we explore new subjects and tackle fun projects. The excitement of working on a science experiment or the satisfaction of solving a challenging math problem. Activities like group projects and creative assignments turn lessons into memorable experiences.

These moments make learning enjoyable and memorable. Field trips are another highlight of school life. Whether we visited a historical site or a science museum, those trips provided a break from our regular routine. School is where we make our first friends and build lasting relationships. From lunch breaks filled with laughter to teaming up for school projects, these friendships are the backbone of our school life. In 8th grade, we deepen our connections with classmates, sharing both successes and challenges. These friendships creates lasting memories.

Extracurricular activities also play a significant role. Whether it's participating in a sports team, or performing in a school play, these activities help us discover new interests and talents. They teach us teamwork and add excitement to our school days. Being Vice Captain was a highlight of my school years, offering me a unique perspective on leadership, teamwork, and personal growth. These experiences and memories from this role are a valuable part of my school journey, reminding me of the impact of dedication, support, and shared goals. These moments will always hold a special place in my heart. It had also helped me build lasting friendships and create memories that I will always cherish.

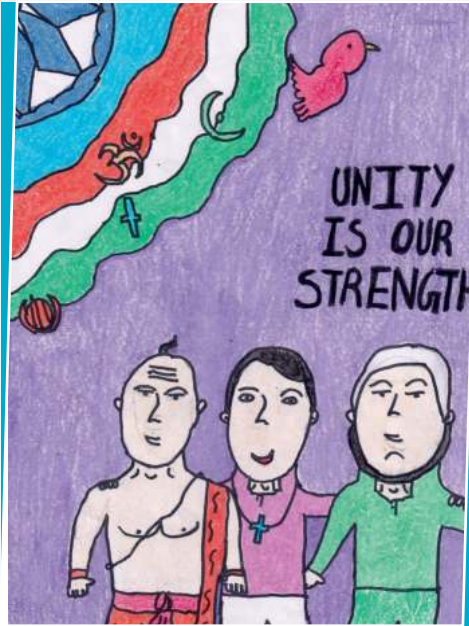
As the school year wraps up, we celebrate our achievements and reflect on our experiences. Year end events such as award ceremonies, mark the end of a chapter. The memories we create in school are like treasures that we carry with us. They remind us of the funtimes, the friendships we've built, and the lessons we've learned. These moments are an important part of our journey, shaping our future and enriching our lives.

KAVYA JANI (8-B)

ART & CRAFT



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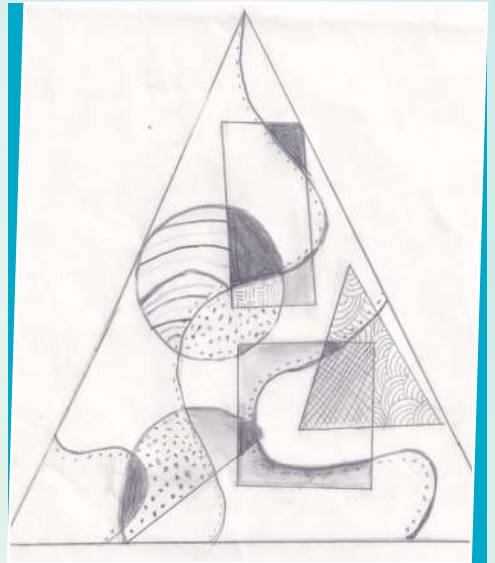
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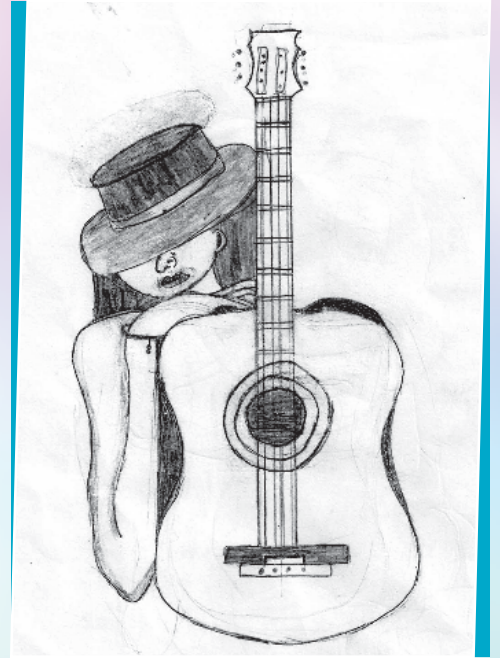
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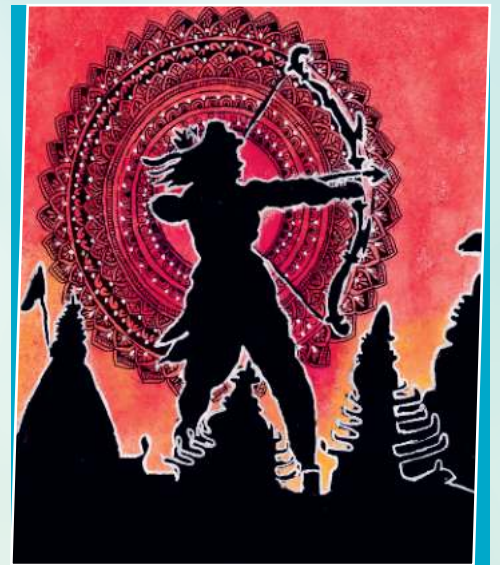
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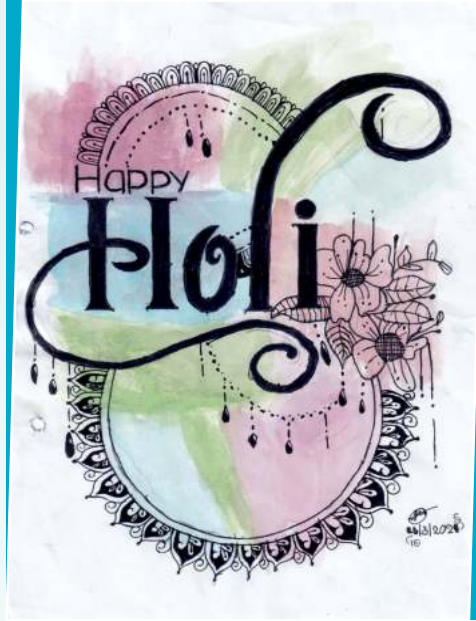
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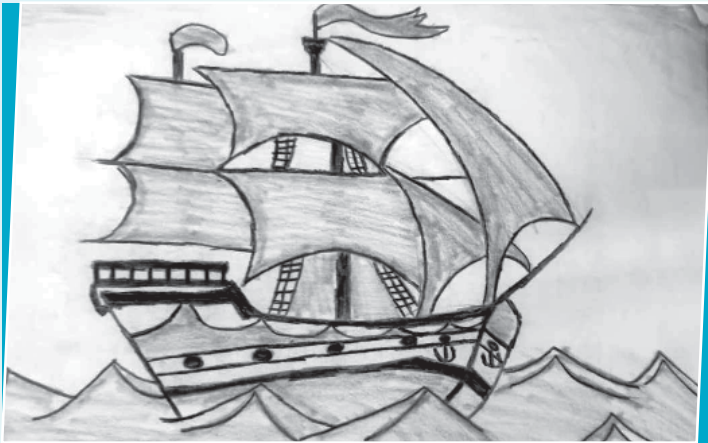
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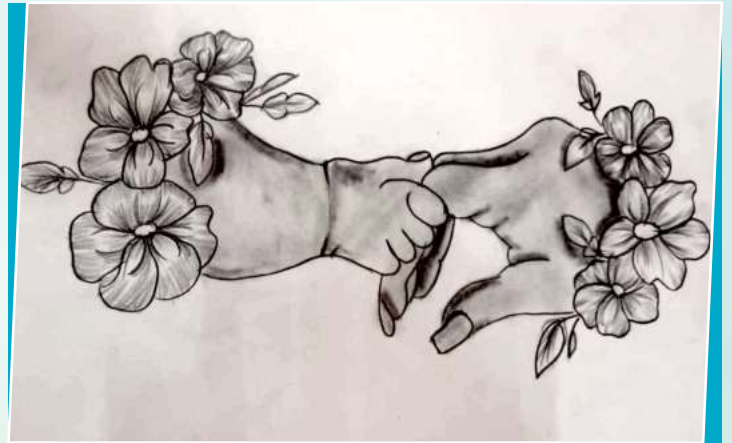
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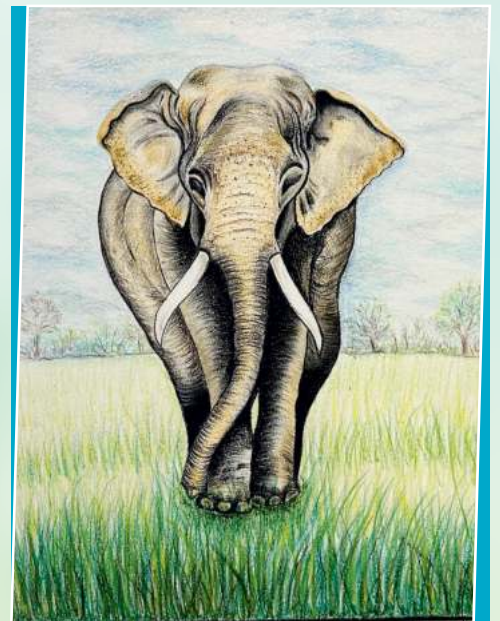
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