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Chairperson's Message



Ms. Arti Kothari

As we navigate through a rapidly changing world, it is essential that we, as a school community, recognize the importance of fostering a global perspective. In today's interconnected world, our actions and decisions extend beyond local boundaries, affecting people, environments, and economies far and wide. It is crucial that we cultivate a sense of global responsibility within our students, preparing them to be not only successful individuals but also conscientious global citizens.

The world is more connected than ever before, and with this connectivity comes an increased responsibility. As we embrace different cultures, ideas, and perspectives, we must also be mindful of the challenges that span the globe—challenges such as climate change, inequality, conflicts, and the need for sustainable development. These are not issues confined to one country or one community; they are shared problems that require collective action. Our students are the future leaders, innovators, and change-makers who will shape the world, and it is imperative that they are equipped with the skills and knowledge necessary to engage with these challenges thoughtfully and responsibly.

A global perspective involves understanding that our actions have far-reaching implications. Every choice we make, whether in the classroom or beyond, contributes to a larger global narrative. This awareness empowers our students to approach the world with empathy, respect, and an open mind. It encourages them to seek solutions that promote equality, justice, and sustainability, ensuring that their contributions not only serve their communities but also have a positive impact on the world at large.

Incorporating global awareness into our curriculum is a critical part of this vision. We are committed to providing opportunities for students to engage with international issues, to explore diverse cultures, and to understand the complex relationships between nations. Through exchanges, collaborative projects, and discussions, we aim to nurture a sense of shared responsibility and interconnectedness among our students. By broadening their horizons, we ensure that they are prepared to tackle the global challenges of tomorrow.

Furthermore, we must also recognize the importance of personal responsibility in this global context. While global problems may seem daunting, it is through the small, individual actions of people worldwide that significant change is achieved. We encourage our students to embrace their roles as active participants in the world, recognizing that their actions, no matter how small, can make a difference.

In conclusion, our commitment to fostering a global perspective and responsibility is integral to shaping well-rounded individuals who are not only academically proficient but also socially conscious and globally minded. Together, let us inspire and empower the next generation to take on the challenges of the future, with a deep sense of responsibility, compassion, and a vision for a better world.

Principal's Message



Ms. Petronella Eates

Adaptation, Resilience, and Opportunity: Shaping Our Path Forward

Dear Parents, Students, and Well-Wishers,

Life rarely follows a straight path. The journey of learning, much like the journey of life, is filled with unexpected turns, new challenges, and moments that test our strength. In these moments, three qualities stand out as guiding lights; adaptation, resilience, and the ability to see opportunity in every circumstance.

Adaptation teaches us to adjust our sails when the winds change. Our children are growing up in a world where change is constant, whether it's technology, learning styles, or global circumstances. By encouraging flexibility in thought and action, we prepare them not just to cope with change, but to embrace it as part of life's adventure.

Resilience is the quiet strength that helps us rise after a fall. It's not about never facing difficulty; it's about learning, growing, and standing taller after each challenge. In school, resilience is built when students work through a tough problem, learn from mistakes, and persist despite setbacks. These are life lessons that go far beyond textbooks.

Finally, opportunity often arrives disguised, as a new responsibility, a difficult project, or even a change we didn't ask for. When we help our children approach situations with curiosity and a growth mindset, they begin to see that every challenge carries the seed of something new to learn, achieve, or contribute.

For me personally, these have been the qualities that have helped me in my transition to taking charge as the Principal of Kothari International School, Kharadi, Pune. The last few months have been a period of transformation backed by the ability to adapt, resilience and making the most of opportunities that come through new doors. Thus, I truly believe that these qualities need to be nurtured in every child so that they can face challenges head on and seize every opportunity that comes their way.

In the months ahead, let us work together, to ensure that adaptation becomes second nature, resilience becomes a habit, and opportunities are met with open minds and hopeful hearts.

Dean's Message



Ms. Pradnya Gokhale

‘The Night under the Sky ’

This academic year well under way , it is important to invest our time wisely and productively so that we don't repent at the end of the year.

I would like to share how I invested my time wisely by attending the exciting Star gazing party by JVP (Jyotirvidya Parisanstha) On March 29, this year with a doubtful mind I pressed the send button for fund transfer to JVP an association of amateur astronomers and a non-profit organization. The reason was a stargazing experience at Manali Farms, Pune.

It was a star party, or a stargazing experience organized to view the Hubble telescope in the sky or the various planets like Jupiter, Mars.

The session started with a briefing about constellations in the sky and popular stories about the same in various cultures. It was a wonderful session as the sky was the canvas and all we needed to do was look to identify these interesting Nakshatra's and constellations.

We saw Jupiter with its moons and Mars amongst various other stars

After a short break for dinner we got back to stargazing with telescopes.

We spotted the Orion, the birthplace of stars , saw the cluster of stars

popularly known as Beehive. Next up were some presentations about man-made satellites sent up.

I felt myself lucky as I saw a Manmade satellite up in the sky which was 37000 kms up in the sky. A detailed infotainment cum presentation about spacecraft Rosetta's journey was shown. It was because of this that I realized that

Rosetta Mission was launched to study the Comet in detail.

Over all it was time well spent as we spent the entire night sky watching and not sleeping!

My dear students if you too get a chance to enroll for such parties grab the opportunity as it is time well spent!

Coordinator's Message



Ms. Nidhi Bansal

Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

In an age where distractions are ever-present and the pace of life seems to quicken each day, the importance of mindfulness in both our personal and academic lives cannot be overstated. Mindfulness, the practice of being fully present and engaged in each moment, offers us the opportunity to reconnect with ourselves, our peers, and our surroundings in a more meaningful way.

As we navigate the complexities of our academic journeys, the value of mindful learning is essential. It encourages us to be aware of our thoughts, emotions, and actions, allowing us to engage with our studies and each other with greater intention and focus. By practicing mindfulness, we are not only improving our academic performance but also nurturing the ability to think critically, manage stress, and foster empathy.

Equally important is the act of connecting to our roots, understanding where we come from, both as individuals and as part of a larger community. Our roots are the foundation of our values, beliefs, and cultural heritage. When we honour and reflect on these roots, we deepen our sense of belonging and purpose within the academic community.

In our educational environment, connecting to our roots also means recognizing the historical and cultural contexts in which knowledge has been shaped. It encourages us to appreciate diverse perspectives and to approach our studies with a holistic view that acknowledges the contributions of those who came before us. By doing so, we create an inclusive and respectful atmosphere where every voice is heard, and every story is valued.

As we move forward in this academic year, let us embrace these values of mindfulness and connection to our roots. Let us be present in our learning, mindful of the impact we have on each other, and deeply connected to the traditions and experiences that have shaped our academic paths. By doing so, we will cultivate not only academic excellence but also a rich, empathetic, ethical, and thoughtful community.

Thank you for your commitment to these ideals. Together, let's continue to grow, learn, and connect.

Chief Editor's Message



Ms. Ekta Batra

Dear Readers,

We have now come to the middle of this academic session and each one of us has grown a lot more mature, a little more experienced and a tad bit empathetic. At the very onset, I urge you to reflect on how far we have come, where we started and what progress we have made.

Now is the time, when the sun shines bright and we need to make the most of it while we have the power to create and carve the path of our destiny. Each new day brings a new beginning, a new hope and a new energy to start afresh. The human body and mind has the capacity to regenerate itself every single day.

Speaking of the incredible unique human capacity, it is nothing short of a phenomenal masterpiece that exists in the framework of the universe. We can imagine scenarios that don't exist, visualize the future, or ponder over the past. This allows creativity, invention, storytelling, and complex problem-solving in our day-to-day lives.

The power of metacognition enables us to reflect on our own thought, question our existence, and understand others' perception and feelings too. Let us respect that.

Our unparalleled ability to use complex language in spoken, written, and symbolic form allows us to preserve and pass on knowledge across generations. What's more, the homo sapiens have a moral compass and the ability to empathize. We contemplate justice, fairness, and ethics, often acting beyond instinct for the greater good. Our brains are wired to learn continuously. From childhood through old age, we constantly and relentlessly adapt to known and unknown situations or environments.

With speech and vocal range, physical precision and dexterity, facial expression and incredible endurance, we certainly are the most unique and superior race. What then stops us from achieving our goals and elevating ourselves exponentially everyday?

Hence, harness your energy and potential every single moment, move out of your comfort zone and make the most of it while the sun shines bright.

For today is in your hands,
Don't let it slip, don't let it go.
Don't wait for tomorrow,
In joy or in sorrow-
Take reins of today in your hands,
And gallop away to glorious bands!

Co-Editor's Message



Ms. Priyanka Puri

Dear Readers,

As we keep moving ahead in life, through the ups and downs, through our struggles and accomplishments, one quality that can truly transform our journey is gratitude. It is the simple act of recognizing and appreciating the good things around us - be it the support of our parents, the guidance of teachers, the encouragement of friends, or even the small everyday joys that brighten our days.

For students, practicing gratitude can make a remarkable difference. It helps reduce stress, improves focus, and nurtures a positive mindset. When we pause to be thankful, we shift our attention from what we lack to what we already have, creating a sense of contentment and motivation. Gratitude also strengthens relationships, as acknowledging someone's effort, whether a teacher's guidance or a friend's help, builds bonds of respect and kindness.

Cultivating gratitude doesn't require grand gestures. It can be as simple as keeping a gratitude journal, writing three things you are thankful for each day, or just saying a heartfelt "thank you." Over time, these small steps shape stronger character, resilience, and optimism.

Let us all remember: gratitude is not only about saying thank you; it is about living with an attitude of thankfulness. When students embrace this habit, they not only become better learners but also kinder, more compassionate human beings.

School Spotlight

TEDxKISPuneYouth 2025: Igniting Ideas from “Why” to “Wow”



On June 28, 2025, Kothari International School, Kharadi, Pune, proudly hosted the much-awaited TEDxKISPuneYouth 2025, under the compelling theme “From Why to Wow.” The day witnessed an inspiring line-up of eleven distinguished speakers who captivated the audience with real stories, powerful insights, and bold ideas. The first session featured Mr. Samir Dhurde, celebrated radio astronomer and science communicator; Ms. Ila Joshi, visionary storyteller and founder of IJA Films; Ms. Malati Kalmadi, education reformist and Managing Trustee of Kannada Sangha; Ms. Rekha Rao, founder of Oon and communications expert; Ms. Prerna Tripathi, educationist and advocate of inclusive development; CA Aayushi Garg, study coach and consultant at Mastercard; and Ms. Monalisa Saxena, market research leader and co-founder of Merren.

Post-lunch, the second session began with a cultural dance performance celebrating the spirit of youth. The speaker lineup included Mr. Laxman Savalkar, agrotech entrepreneur and director of Magnus Farm Fresh Ltd.; Mr. Manav Parmar, founder of Cocoon’s Library; Mr. Udayan Deshpande, creator of Marathi Connect; and Mr. Shivathmaj Shenoy, content creator and co-founder of ScaleSocials. Eleven different schools were invited from across Pune to listen to the success stories of these powerful motivators.

The event was supported by Mr. Swagat Naik, TEDx advisor. Student volunteers and every member of the KIS family contributed tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the event’s success. TEDxKISPuneYouth 2025 was not just a stage—it was a celebration of curiosity, courage, and creativity.



Kothari International School Kharadi , Pune

Launch of International Curriculum: Cambridge Primary



Kothari International School proudly inaugurated its **Cambridge Primary Program** with a grand and memorable ceremony on 21st July 2025, marking a significant milestone in its pursuit of educational excellence.

The event commenced with a sacred invocation to the Goddess of Learning, setting a reverent and inspiring tone for a dynamic academic year ahead. The Cambridge floor was formally unveiled, symbolizing the beginning of a new era in innovative, global-standard education.

A captivating musical performance by the students added charm and festivity to the occasion. The program was also formally introduced to the Parent-Teacher Association representatives, reaffirming the school's unwavering commitment to delivering world-class learning experiences. This landmark initiative reflects KIS vision to nurture young learners through a globally recognized curriculum, empowering them for the future.



Kothari International School Kharadi , Pune

Inauguration of Makerspace

On 1st October 2025, our school introduced a new and innovative workshop in association with Makerspace to enable students to acquire life skills like cooking, design, printing and product management.

The mega event started with escorting the guests and parents to the auditorium. It was followed by the introduction of the guests to students from Grades 9 to 12, lamp lighting, and a vibrant dance performance in shades of yellow and orange. The Principal felicitated all the guests.

The Dean Academics gave a motivational speech about how Makerspace was the crystallisation of a long cherished dream. The Head Boy Zahan Printer conducted a panel discussion with Dr. Parag Bhargav, Dr. Yogesh Kulkarni, and Dr. Suhas Zambre. The students, as well as parents, understood the concept of innovation, importance of a tinkering space, and the joy of making. Ms. Inderdeep Nanda concluded with a speech on how these skills are essential in our lives today and the future to be.

The program concluded with the visitors touring the Makerspace laboratory and experiencing a glimpse of what the students will be learning soon. The program closed on a high note with the students excitedly buzzing and the formal opening of the lab. The project is not just set to teach useful skills but also enhance creativity and create a foundation for generations to come, as well as the development of individuals as students, all within one lab!



Kothari International School Kharadi , Pune

Achievements



We are proud to share that Kothari International School, Kharadi, Pune, received the prestigious MIMAMSA Award for the School with the Most Impactful Learning Methods. Adding to this moment of pride, our dedicated teachers were also honoured with the IIHM Award and the Smt. Kamal Sharma Award. These recognitions stand as a testament to the school's commitment to excellence in education and celebrate the passion, creativity, and unwavering dedication of our educators who make learning truly meaningful and inspiring every day.

Achievements

EcoNova Guardians Shine Through

The EcoNova Guardians, a dynamic team of three talented Grade 8 students—Ekaaksh Gupta (8-A), Vivaan Khapare (8-C), and Anandvardhan Pathak (8-D)—created an innovative app named PowerPilot, focused on the theme of energy conservation.

With a shared goal of building something unique, innovative, and impactful, the team presented their project at the WSRO (World STEM & Robotics Olympiad) Regionals, where they won in their category.

The EcoNova Guardians represented their work at the national level of WSRO in Ahmedabad, carrying forward their mission to make a meaningful difference through innovation.



The EcoNova Guardians, have scripted history as now they have been selected to represent the country at the international level in Dubai. Their app achieved Judges Choice Award- Young Scientist Energy for their innovative algorithms. They are wished success as they set foot on the global form. Their app featured a variety of fun and interactive panels, making learning engaging and accessible. It aimed to raise awareness about energy conservation by leveraging the most powerful tool of the generation-technology.

Through PowerPilot, the students contributed to environmental protection and empowered others to explore different forms of energy while promoting sustainable practices.



Event Highlights

A Journey of Leadership Begins

The spirit of leadership came alive at Kothari International School during its Investiture Ceremony on 11th July, 2025. The event marked a proud milestone for the newly elected student council, symbolising the start of their leadership journey for the academic year.

The ceremony began with a Welcome Address, followed by the lighting of the lamp and a soulful Ganesh Vandana. The Chief Guest, Commodore Sanjay Tewari, accompanied by his wife Ms Charu Tewari, was warmly felicitated, honouring his distinguished service and leadership.

The Badge Ceremony formed the heart of the event, as council members proudly received their badges. This was followed by the Oath Taking Ceremony led by Principal Ms Petronella Eates, where the young leaders pledged to uphold the school's values with sincerity and dedication.

A moving rendition of Carry Your Candle and the waving of flags showcased the unity of the school houses. Inspiring speeches by Head Boy Zahan Printer and Head Girl Pritha Karmakar expressed their vision, while Principal Ms Eates encouraged leaders to serve with humility and purpose.

In his impactful address, Commodore Tewari shared life lessons of leadership, motivating students to strive for excellence. The ceremony concluded with a Vote of Thanks by the Vice Heads, the School Song, and the National Anthem, capturing a celebration of responsibility, leadership, and promise for the future.



Event Highlights

Empowering Young Leaders- Model United Nations

Our school hosted a Model United Nations conference on Aug 1st & 2nd, 2025, featuring committees like UNHRC, UNEP, UNDP, and UNCSD.

It was organized by the dedicated team of SkillSphere Education. This event provided an exceptional platform for students to engage in discussions surrounding global issues, simulating the procedures of the United Nations. The conference saw participants from grades VII- XII, representing diverse countries and engaging in structured diplomatic debates.

Delegates in each committee addressed critical global concerns, such as sustainable development, climate change, and the protection of human rights. From speeches to debates, each part of an MUN allowed the delegates to express their point of view.

Each committee was looked at by a chair person who ensured the smooth running of their committee's caucuses, speakers' list and discussion breaks. They also ensured the addition of points on the basis of a delegate's questions, speeches and ability to frame answers to the questions of other delegates.

The conference concluded with a Closing Ceremony, where awards were presented to the most outstanding delegates, recognizing their contributions in diplomacy, research, and negotiation.



Celebrating Young Achievers

On the auspicious occasion of the Founder's Day, the Grade X and XII achievers of the Batch of 2025 were proudly felicitated. They were honoured not just for their academic excellence, but for their resilience, dedication, and perseverance - qualities that our Founder Chairman, Late Shri Mahadev Mansukhbhai Kothari (Babuji) stood by. Their journey of success reminds us that true achievement lies not just in the result, but in the endearing process behind it. Congratulations to our young achievers, you have truly done us proud!



Celebrations

Patriotic Fervour in the Air

The 79th Independence Day at Kothari International School, Kharadi Pune was celebrated with immense patriotic fervour.

The chief guest Squadron Leader (retired) Meha Gautam inspired the students with her motivational experiences during her days in the Indian Air Force.

The national celebration was studded with an impeccable march past by the four houses, principal's address and a recitation of R N Tagore's poem 'Where the mind is without Fear'. Srushti and Harishith of grade 8 anchored the whole show with great poise and elan.



Garba Delight

Kothari International School recently hosted a vibrant Garba celebration filled with joy, rhythm, and colors. Students, parents, and teachers came together dressed in traditional attire, adding grace and charm to the festive evening. The beats of dhol and music created an energetic atmosphere, as everyone danced in unison celebrating the spirit of Navratri. The event not only showcased India's rich cultural heritage but also strengthened the bond of togetherness within the school community, making it a memorable occasion.



Celebrations

French Day

The school celebrated French Day with great enthusiasm under the theme *Liberté, Égalité, et Fraternité*, (Liberty, Equality, Fraternity,). The event featured a vibrant cultural programme showcasing the richness of French heritage. Students presented an engaging dance-drama depicting French culture and history, followed by a melodious French song that captivated the audience. The celebrations concluded on a proud and harmonious note with the rendition of the French National Anthem, “*La Marseillaise*”, filling the atmosphere with unity and cultural pride. The event not only strengthened students’ understanding of French traditions but also fostered appreciation for global cultures in a joyful and memorable way.



Founder's Day

The school celebrated Founder's Day with a special assembly that featured a thought-provoking skit, *Shunya Se Gagan Tak*, presented by the talented students of Grades 4 and 7. The performance beautifully conveyed a message of vision, perseverance, and achievement. As part of the celebrations, 105 students from a local NGO were warmly welcomed to the school for a day of joy and togetherness. They enjoyed a fun-filled social outreach programme that included games, interactive activities, and a delicious lunch shared with our students. The day reflected the true spirit of compassion, community, and gratitude, making Founder's Day a memorable and meaningful occasion.



Inter-House Competition

Dance Competition

The Inter-House Dance Competition 2025 was a vibrant showcase of creativity, rhythm, and teamwork. Students from Grades 4 to 9 lit up the stage with dynamic performances and captivating choreography. For Grades 4 and 5, each house brought its unique flair, with Peace House emerging as the winner. The senior segment, themed “Shakti – The Journey of Strength and Grace,” celebrated the many forms of divine energy through powerful and expressive performances, Faith House being crowned the overall winner.



Music Competition

Passion, harmony, and spirited house pride filled the air at during the Inter-House Music Competition 2025. Students from Grades 4 to 9 showcased their musical talents through soulful singing, instrumental brilliance, and captivating performances. The event was a vibrant celebration of rhythm, melody, and teamwork, reflecting the dedication and creativity of every participant. Grace House emerged as the winner for Grades 4 and 5, while students of Faith House from the senior grades emerged as the winners and impressed with diverse genres and powerful collaborations that enthralled the audience.



Art Competition

The Inter-House Art Competition was a vibrant celebration of creativity and cultural pride. Students from Grades 4 to 8 showcased their artistic talents through themes that highlighted India’s rich heritage and imagination. While Grades 4 and 5 explored “Festivals and Traditional Artforms of India,” the senior students depicted themes such as “India: Land of Culture,” “India of My Imagination,” and “India: Land of Heritage.” Each artwork beautifully reflected the students’ creativity, skill, and deep admiration for the nation’s traditions and diversity.



Culmination

Nursery Culmination

Our Nursery students at KISP celebrated their Culmination Day with great enthusiasm on the theme: Marvellous Me. Students confidently showcased their uniqueness through rhymes, songs and hands on activity.

It was a delightful celebration from sorting and stacking. Every task encouraged exploration, creativity and fine motor development. Each activity was thoughtfully planned to support their overall development in a joyful and nurturing environment.



K1 Culmination

Theme Culmination is a moment to pause and reflect on the wonderful journey of learning and development. Our K1 little learners confidently came forward to show what they had learnt. They sang songs, took part in performances, and showed their work with big smiles and excitement. Our children had made wonderful progress. We saw how each student has grown. Not just in what they know, but also in how they speak, share, play and help each other. They have become more confident, independent and curious day by day. Well done little stars! Keep shining bright, the best is yet to come.



Culmination

K2 Culmination

Theme Culmination at KISP is a special time to celebrate how much our K2 students have grown. Our students shared their knowledge with great confidence. They spoke clearly, answered questions, and took part in activities with excitement. It was wonderful to see how they connected what they learnt through songs, stories, and simple presentations. We were proud to see not just their learning, but also how they have grown as kind, curious, and confident individuals. They have learnt to work in teams, speak in front of others, express their ideas, and try new things without fear



Theme 1 Culmination – Shapes Around Us

Our enthusiastic Grade 1 learners brought the theme : Shapes Around Us to life in a vibrant and memorable culmination event! Through a delightful blend of music, dance, drama, and storytelling, the children confidently showcased how shapes are not just a part of learning but are all around us. In our homes, schools, buildings, everyday objects, and even in nature. Each performance reflected the students' understanding, imagination, and joy in discovering the world of shapes. From triangular rooftops to circular wheels and rectangular doors, they demonstrated how shapes form the building blocks of everything we see.

The event was not only an academic celebration but also a platform for our young learners to develop confidence, creativity, and stage presence. Watching our little stars perform with such excitement and expression was a proud moment for every teacher and parent present.

A heartfelt thank you to all parents for your continued support and encouragement. Your presence made the event even more special. We look forward to many more such joyful learning experiences ahead!



Culmination

Grade 2

A Celebration of Learning and Wonder

Our bright Grade 2 explorers took us on a delightful journey through their learning world during their Theme 1 culmination! With sparkling eyes and confident voices, they brought lessons to life from charming role plays and shape adventures to rhythmic rhymes and real world connections.



The room was buzzing with excitement as our little stars shared what they've discovered, imagined and created. It was a heartwarming reminder of how joyful learning can be when curiosity leads the way. A big shoutout to our amazing parents for being part of the celebration. Your support made it even more special!

We are filled with pride as we watch our young learners grow into confident, expressive and joyful thinkers.

Grade 3

The Giving Tree

Our vibrant Grade 3 learners wrapped up Theme 1: Go Green Birthday Party with a lively and meaningful culmination event! With growing confidence and creativity, the students showcased their learning through skits, songs and presentations that beautifully brought their classroom concepts to life. From the heartfelt performance of The Giving Tree, which emphasized the value of giving and caring for nature, to engaging displays on collective nouns, place value and face value, and the importance of a balanced diet. The event was a perfect blend of academics and awareness. Each act reflected the children's growing understanding of their environment and core concepts, shared with enthusiasm and clarity. Their confident stage presence and teamwork were truly commendable. We are incredibly proud of our young eco-champions and grateful to our supportive parent community for being a part of this special day. Together, we continue to nurture mindful learners and responsible citizens.



Culmination

Theme 2 Culmination – Reel and Real

Grade 1

Our Theme 2 Reel and Real Culmination Day was a resounding success for Grade 1 students. They showcased learning through captivating songs, skits, and activities highlighting key concepts. The event showcased their confidence, teamwork, and growing communication skills. Students shone on stage, displaying talents and learning. Their enthusiasm and energy made the event lively and memorable. Performances demonstrated a deep understanding of subjects and impressive teamwork. The culmination day was an excellent opportunity for students to exhibit skills and talent, promoting growth and development. The event concluded on a positive note, leaving everyone feeling proud and inspired, with a sense of accomplishment.



Grade 2

Our Theme 2 Culmination: Reel and Real was celebrated with great excitement, where students showcased their learning journey through engaging role plays, melodious songs, and lively dances. Their performances beautifully captured the concepts explored in class, reflecting creativity, confidence, and teamwork. It was a joyful celebration that truly brought learning to life, leaving everyone inspired and creating lasting memories.



Playdates

Mind Booster Play Date

KIS hosted a wonderful Mind Booster Play Date. Kids aged 3-6 joined with parents for a fun-filled session. The children were welcomed with a beautiful introduction song and then our school counsellor Ms. Nisha talked about young kids' brain development. Ms. Prachi Dhillon, a special yoga instructor, led yoga sessions for parents and kids, sharing yoga's benefits for mind and body. Games and activities followed, enhancing cognitive and brain development. This play date supported kids' overall development through interactive learning and activities.



Rainbow Playdate

KIS hosted a spectacular Rainbow Play Date, bringing together over 40 kids aged 3-6 and their parents for a colorful celebration! The event was a sensory delight, with colorful corridors, bubbles, and laughter filling the air. Our young participants enjoyed singing, dancing, and a captivating storytelling session by Ms. Akanksha Datta, who wowed them with her Zebrakadabra magic. The highlight of the event was the hands-on fun with rainbow themed crafts, including rainbow making, rainbow fans, and paper boat crafting. Kids also explored rainbow science experiments, got creative at tattoo corners, and took memorable photos at our photo booths.



Wild Whispers Playdate

The Wild Whispers Playdate on 20th September at KISP Pune was an exciting blend of storytelling, animal yoga, and hands-on activities. Children stretched like animals, listened with wonder, and explored with curiosity. Making every moment lively and fun. Parents were delighted to see their little ones express freely, learn joyfully, and bond with friends. The event was filled with laughter, energy, and creativity. Leaving everyone with happy memories and looking forward to the next playdate.



Special Assemblies

Dussehra

Our Grade 3 D special assembly on Dussehra was an exhilarating journey across India! Students presented a vibrant showcase of Dussehra celebrations from different regions. The West's energetic Navratri and Garba nights were recreated with enthusiasm, while the North's epic Ramleela performances left the audience spellbound. The East's vibrant Dhunuchi dance and the rhythmic beats of the Dhaak drums during Durga Puja were truly captivating. Meanwhile, the South's celebration of learning on Vijayadashami highlighted the importance of knowledge. The assembly beautifully conveyed the essence of Dussehra : the triumph of truth over lies. It was a wonderful way to learn about India's rich cultural heritage and appreciate our diversity. The student's hard work and dedication made the event a grand success. The assembly concluded with a renewed sense of pride and appreciation for our cultural traditions.



The students of Grade III A of Kothari International School, Kharadi brought the spirit of Independence Day alive through a vibrant special assembly. Blending learning, drama, song, and dance, our young patriots showcased their love for the nation with creativity, confidence, and heartfelt enthusiasm. From thought-provoking performances to soulful melodies and energetic dances, the assembly was a beautiful reminder that freedom is best celebrated with unity, expression, and joy



Special Assemblies

The charm of Ganesh Chaturthi came alive as Grade 3B presented a vibrant and devotional Special Assembly. Through songs, skits, and dances, our young performers spread the message of joy, togetherness, and eco-friendly celebrations.



Subject-related Initiatives

Exploring Constitutions across Borders

Grade 8 students created vibrant mind maps showcasing features borrowed from various countries like Fundamental Rights from the US, the Parliamentary system from the UK, and Directive Principles from Ireland.

This creative exercise deepened their understanding of comparative constitutionalism while fostering critical thinking, collaboration, and a sense of civic awareness.



Role Play with a Purpose

Grade 6 students presented a moving role play on Ruby Bridges, portraying her courage and her family's stand against racism. The performance highlighted the values of equality, resilience, and hope, honouring Ruby's powerful legacy.



STEM Showdown Quiz

From the classroom prelims on 13th August to the thrilling finale on 20th August, our young innovators displayed remarkable knowledge, creativity, and teamwork across The four exciting rounds included Science Sprint, Engineering Edge, Math Master, Rapid-Fire STEM Showdown

The contest was engaging, energetic, and inspiring. The event truly ignited curiosity and strengthened problem-solving skills living up to the true spirit of STEM!



Subject-related Initiatives

Science Rap Competition

The Science Rap Competition was a huge success, with Grade 7 students participating with immense enthusiasm. They showcased their unique talents, blending science concepts with creative rhymes and beats.

The event highlighted their ability to think outside the box, demonstrating a deep understanding of scientific principles. With impressive performances, the students left the Judges mesmerized, showcasing their creativity, teamwork, and passion for science. It was an engaging and entertaining way to celebrate science and creativity.



Tech Session



In this session, students of grade 6 explored essential Windows customisation tools. They learned how to manage desktop icons, set wallpapers, and configure screen savers. These skills empower students to create a more organised, efficient, and personalised computing environment.

Traditional Costumes of India

An inter-house Social Studies competition titled “Traditional Costumes of India” was organised for Grade 6 students. The event witnessed an overwhelming response, with students participating enthusiastically and showcasing great zeal. Each participant introduced themselves in the regional language of the state they had chosen, adding an authentic cultural touch to the competition. The level of performance was so impressive and spirited that it proved to be a challenging task for the judges to determine the winners.



Spellbound Showdown



Grade 5 students buzzed with excitement during the Inter-House Spell Bee Competition, showcasing their spelling prowess, quick thinking, and teamwork. With rounds like Direct Spelling, Jumble Challenge, and Rapid Fire, the competition was fierce and fun! From a pool of enthusiastic participants, 16 finalists battled it out for the top spot. After a nail-biting finish, Hope House emerged victorious, spelling their way to glory. The event celebrated language skills, confidence, and a true spirit of healthy competition.

आशुभाषण प्रतियोगिता

कक्षा पाँचवी के विद्यार्थियों के लिए 'आशुभाषण प्रतियोगिता' का आयोजन किया गया। कक्षा पाँचवी के सभी प्रतिभागियों ने बहुत ही आत्मविश्वास और उत्साह से विभिन्न विचारों पर अपने विचार प्रस्तुत किए। निर्णायक मंडल ने प्रतिभागियों के विचारों की स्पष्टता, प्रस्तुति शैली, भाषा प्रयोग और तर्कशक्ति के आधार पर मूल्यांकन किया। इस प्रतियोगिता का उद्देश्य विद्यार्थियों के आत्मविश्वास, बोलचाल की कला और त्वरित सोचने की क्षमता को प्रोत्साहित करना था।



Pizza in the Making



Inspired by the chapter 'The Pizza Girl', our Grade 4 students engaged in a fun group activity where they created their own unique pizzas using a variety of toppings. The goal was to encourage teamwork, creativity, and awareness about healthy food choices. Each group presented their pizza, explaining their topping choices and whether they were healthy — turning a delicious idea into a thoughtful discussion!

Subject-related Initiatives

Rare Animal Show and Tell

In Grade 3, students participated in a fascinating "Rare Animal Show and Tell" activity. They picked rare animals like Narwhal, Vaquita, Quokka, Okapi, Axolotl, and more. Students researched these animals' habitats, traits, and characteristics. They created creative posters highlighting their findings and raised awareness about the conservation status of these animals, many of which are endangered.



Hindi Recitation Competition

The Hindi Recitation Competition provided a wonderful platform for our young students to showcase their language skills, emotions, and expression. Students from grades 1 to 3 participated with enthusiasm, reciting poems on various themes such as the love of a mother, the twinkle of stars, the value of time, the joy of festivals.

Bug Hunt and Math Mastery

Our grade 3 students went on an exciting natural walk around the school campus, exploring and observing insects in their habitat! Using tally marks, they counted and kept track of the creepy-crawlies they spotted!



Subject-related Initiatives

Math Magic

As part of our ongoing efforts to make learning meaningful, experiential, and enjoyable, an Inter-House Math Activity-Building Geometry City, was organised for the Grade 5 students on 8th August 2025. This enriching activity was yet another step toward our commitment to integrated, experiential learning that goes beyond textbooks making mathematics meaningful, exciting, and relevant to everyday life. Geometry is not just about shapes, it's about shaping ideas into reality.



Scavenger Hunt



Grade 5 students participated in a fun-filled and intellectually stimulating Scavenger Hunt Activity. This activity was designed to reinforce mathematical concepts through teamwork and problem-solving. Students were grouped into teams of 5-6 and were given clue-based tasks that required critical thinking and collaboration. Students showed great enthusiasm as they navigated through each station and finally reached the final destination. The activity was not only a refreshing break from routine classroom learning but also a powerful way to build mathematical confidence and collaborative spirit among learners.

Marathi Manogat: Voices of Our Culture

Students participated in the Inter house Marathi Competition, showcasing creativity and confidence through engaging skits in the first round. In the second round, shortlisted participants took on the role of Sutradhara, drawing inspiring depictions of Maharashtra's saints and historical landmarks, beautifully reflecting the richness of the Marathi language.



Math Magic Mania

Students enjoyed an interactive math session where they discovered clever 'magic tricks' for rapid calculations. Through peer-led demos, they explored shortcuts, mental math strategies, and Vedic math techniques. This engaging activity not only boosted their confidence but also sharpened their mental math skills, making mathematics fun, accessible, and exciting



Mystery Box Challenge



The Grade 6 students participated in a mystery box challenge where they had to identify objects using only their senses of touch, hearing, and smell. They couldn't see the objects, so they had to rely on other clues like texture, weight, shape, sound, and scent. The activity fostered curiosity, sharpened observation, and strengthened scientific thinking in a fun, hands-on way.

Math Mysteries Uncovered

Our young detectives cracked clues and crafted thrilling math stories, putting their problem-solving skills to the test



Subject-related Initiatives

The JAM (Just A Minute)



JAM activity proved to be a dynamic and enjoyable platform for our Grade 6 students to demonstrate their public speaking prowess and quick-thinking abilities. The event began with class-wise rounds and culminated in an engaging house-wise competition. This well-planned format not only challenged the students' articulation and creativity but also showcased their confidence, presence of mind, and composure under pressure.

Mufasa's Adventure: Exploring Animals Around Us

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Sudoku- Think Outside the Grid



To promote logical thinking, concentration, and strategic problem-solving skills among our young learners, Inter-House Sudoku Competition was organised for Grade 4 students. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation, with students showcasing their mental agility and analytical abilities.

Sudoku – Not just a game, but a journey into logical excellence!

Subject-related Initiatives

Democracy in Action



Our Grade V students held a fun and engaging mock election - writing speeches, creating posters, and casting real ballots! A brilliant way to learn about fair voting and making informed choices.

Place Value Fun

A hands-on activity was conducted to introduce the concept of place value. Our little learners used number blocks to build and understand numbers using hundreds, tens and ones. Learning through play makes math magical



Exploring the Universe



Our young astronomers had an exciting time placing the planets in the correct order and recreating the solar system using the beautifully painted models they prepared. Learning truly becomes fun when it's hands-on and creative.

Marathi Poem Recitation

The Grade 4 students enthusiastically participated in the Marathi Poem Recitation Activity. This activity proved to be highly beneficial for their overall development. It fostered a love for the language, improved pronunciation, and developed a sense of rhythm and tempo.



Fostering Curiosity and Scientific Temper



Inter-House Science Quiz Competition for Grade 7 students, designed to ignite curiosity and promote scientific thinking. The competition featured four thoughtfully curated rounds—Science Sizzle, Visual Voyage, Test-Tube Twist, and Neuro Ninja - each testing students' abilities in observation, application, and rapid reasoning. The event was a compelling display of collaborative spirit, intellectual engagement, and scientific enthusiasm, leaving both participants and the audience intellectually enriched and inspired.

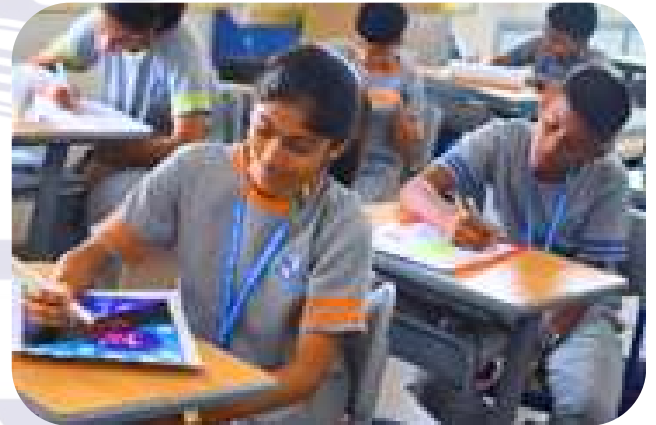
Hindi Vyanjan Activity

Grade 1 students had a fun-filled and hands-on Hindi session as they practiced forming vyanjan — "त, थ, द, ध, न" using colorful clay! This exciting activity helped our young learners understand letter formation in a playful and interactive way. The children not only strengthened their motor skills but also enjoyed every moment of learning through creativity and exploration.



Poster Making Activity

Students of Grades VI-VIII showcased their creativity in a poster-making activity themed 'From Why to Wow', inspired by the TEDx KIS Pune Youth event. Their thought-provoking posters explored ideas such as turning failure into success, Promoting racial equality, Ensuring cyber safety, Fostering innovation through curiosity. This activity encouraged students to brainstorm, think critically, and share ideas, embodying the spirit of 21st-century learners.



Tying Threads of Love for the Nation

Our young artists came together for a heartwarming Tiranga Rakhi Making Competition, celebrating the spirit of patriotism and sibling love. With saffron, white, and green hues shining bright, every rakhi made was a symbol of gratitude especially crafted to honour our real heroes: the soldiers and frontline protectors of our country.



The Dolphin Drive

As part of Project Dolphin, a series of engaging activities were organised for Grades 6–8 to raise awareness about conserving riverine and marine dolphins. The programme included the Dolphin Conservation Pledge, screening of an informative awareness video, a virtual visit to a dolphin habitat, and a painting competition on the theme “Save Our Dolphins”. These activities inspired students to actively advocate for the conservation of dolphin awareness.



Mascot Mania

On 16th June 2025, our Grade 4 and 5 students showcased their creativity in Mascot Mania, a pre-event competition for TEDx KIS Pune Youth 2025.

Based on the theme “From Why to Wow”, students designed mascots using A3 sheets and eco-friendly material. In just 30 minutes, they brought bold ideas to life, capturing innovation, energy, and originality



Co-curricular Activities

Blast off into the universe!

Our Grade 9 students had an out-of-this-world experience at IUCAA - the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics! They explored the fascinating world of astrophysics and astronomy, learned about the latest research, and got to interact with experts in the field.

It was a stellar experience of learning about the wonders of the vast expanse of space, discovering the secrets of the universe and igniting their passion for space exploration!



Addiction Awareness Session

An engaging awareness session on “Let’s Talk About Drugs” was conducted for the students of Grade X, XI and XII by experts from Mukangan Rehabilitation Center. The session focused on creating awareness around substance addiction and internet addiction. Students were guided to understand the nature of these addictions, their impact on mental and physical health, and the long-term consequences they can have on personal and academic life.

A strong message echoed throughout: Prevention is better than cure



Letters of Gratitude

On the occasion of Independence Day, students of Kothari International School, Kharadi visited the Kharadi Police Station to share letters of gratitude with the dedicated police personnel who work tirelessly to keep our community safe. With words of appreciation and warm smiles, our young citizens expressed their respect and appreciation for these everyday heroes, a reminder that freedom is protected not only by history's warriors, but also by the guardians among us today.



Ganesh Idol Making Activity

As the festive spirit of Ganesh Chaturthi fills the air, our students joyfully took part in a Ganesh idol making activity using eco-friendly Shadu Maati (natural clay). Guided by the principles of sustainability and tradition, each child shaped their own unique Ganesha with love, devotion, and creativity. The activity beautifully combined art, culture, and environmental awareness.



World First Aid Day

Our students stepped beyond textbooks and into real-life learning as they celebrated World First Aid Day.

Guided by our expert swimming coach, they gained hands-on experience in handling emergencies with confidence and care. From safety drills to practical demonstrations, it was a day of building life-saving skills and nurturing a sense of responsibility.



International Day of Yoga

Our little yogis enjoyed a calm yet fun-filled day of Yoga, learning the importance of fitness, balance, and relaxation. The cheerful energy of the children filled the space with positivity, making the session truly refreshing. Through simple yoga practices, they embraced healthy habits that nurture both body and mind.



AFS

World of Voices - Inter School Voice Drama Competition

The students of our school participated in the World of Voices Competition with a powerful drama performance on the theme of climate change, highlighting SDG Goals 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production) and 13 (Climate Action). Through expressive narration and minimal sound effects, they conveyed the urgent need for sustainable practices and environmental responsibility. Out of several schools, our school performers stood out for their originality, clarity, and impactful delivery, leaving a strong impression on the audience. The event not only enhanced their creative expression but also deepened their understanding of global challenges and the importance of collective action.

Sinfonietta

In collaboration with AFS (American Field Services), our school proudly participated in Sinfonietta Classics 2.0, a unique event celebrating the fusion of literature and music on the eve of William Shakespeare's birthday. The competition offered students an inspiring platform to express their creativity, imagination, and artistic skills while deepening their appreciation for both written and musical art forms. With two engaging categories namely literature and music, participants showcased remarkable talent, blending storytelling with melodic expression. In the Shakespearean play, Bhaavika Batra played the role of Lady Macbeth while Sminit Bansole and Kanishk Manoj of Grade IX gave a background musical score for the famous invocation speech. This collaboration with AFS encouraged cultural exchange, creativity, and innovation, making the experience truly enriching. Sinfonietta Classics 2.0 not only nurtured artistic growth but also strengthened bonds through the universal language of art and culture.



Sports Accolades

CBSE South Zone-II Swimming Competition 2025



We are delighted to share the proud achievement of Anvi Bishnoi of Kothari International School, who secured the Bronze Medal in the 50m Freestyle – Girls U-17 category at the CBSE South Zone-II Swimming Competition.

The championship was held at Millennium World School, Hassan, from 23rd to 27th July 2025, with enthusiastic participation from schools across the region. Amidst tough competition and outstanding performances, Anvi showcased remarkable talent, determination, and resilience to clinch a podium finish.

3rd Youth Minifootball National Championship

The 3rd Youth Minifootball National Championship, organised by the Minifootball Association of India (affiliated to WMF), was held at the Divisional Sports Complex, Nashik, from 28th to 30th March. The tournament brought together talented young footballers from 15 states across the country, making it a truly competitive and spirited event.

Representing Maharashtra, our teams put up an excellent show:

Under-11 Boys: Finished as Runners-up.

Best Goalkeeper Award: Vivaan Vashist

Under-13 Boys: Finished as Runners-up.

Best Goalkeeper Award

Best Player Award: Ritwik Jhanjee

This championship was a proud moment for our young players who displayed remarkable skill, teamwork, and determination on the national stage.



Goa Football Festival 2025

For the very first time, our KISP Football Teams had the privilege of participating in the prestigious Goa Football Festival, held from 4th to 10th May at the Calangute Stadium and Poriat Ground.

Our U-10, U-12, and U-14 teams showcased their skills and passion for the game, finishing among the top teams across all categories. A special mention goes to our U-12 team, who played exceptional football throughout the tournament, earning appreciation from everyone and securing a commendable 4th place finish. The festival gave our players the opportunity to compete against renowned clubs such as Minerva, D'Souza FA, Feugo, and FCM, providing them with invaluable exposure and experience.



3rd Maharashtra State Futsal Championship 2025



Kothari International School, Pune, made a resounding mark at the 3rd Maharashtra State Futsal Championship hosted by the Futsal Association of Maharashtra (FAM), affiliated with FAI and AMF. Pune's dominance in Nashik had a distinct KISP touch as our young futsal stars displayed exceptional skill, strategy, and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. The U-12 Boys emerged as State Champions, with Nanak Rai, Aaruj Singh, Aarav Nagar, Arnav Tiwari, Abhinav Tiwari, Veer Shah, Yash Sastri, Uttamaditya Jadoun, and Avyan Anand delivering stellar performances. Aarav Nagar's outstanding play earned him the title of Best Player of the Tournament, a testament to his remarkable talent and composure.

3rd Maharashtra State Futsal Championship 2025

Saanvi Nair, Yashika Puneekar, Jiya Gagalia, and Mudra Dhamdhare from Kothari International School, Pune, proudly represented the city as part of the Pune City U-17 Team at the 3rd Maharashtra State Futsal Championship, organized by the Maharashtra Futsal Association, affiliated with the Futsal Association of India (FAI) and the Association Mondiale de Futsal (AMF), held at the Divisional Sports Complex (Indoor), Nashik. The team showcased remarkable skill and teamwork, securing impressive victories — defeating Nagpur with a 4-2 score and Jalgaon with a dominant 9-0 win. Their stellar performance reflects their dedication and hardwork.



Roller Athletics Pune City Championship 2025



Students of Kothari International School brought immense pride to the institution with their stellar performances at the Roller Athletics Pune City Championship 2025 held on 12th October. In the 100 Metre Road Race, Shrutvik Kumbhar, Deetya Gowda, and Kabir Hattiholi showcased exceptional speed and skill, each securing a gold medal. Viansh Geara raced his way to a silver medal, while Molsh Maheshwari, Siddharth Nair, Vedant Giri, and Anvi Mughal demonstrated great determination, each earning a bronze medal. Their impressive achievements reflect their dedication, discipline, and the true spirit of healthy competition.

Editorial Club

The Editorial Club conducted a series of engaging activities that encouraged creativity, critical thinking, and expression among students of Grades 4 to 8. In one session, students explored the art of movie reviewing through the film WALL-E, analyzing its themes, characters, and cinematic techniques before presenting their own insightful reviews. Another activity, Roll-a-Story, sparked imagination as students used 3D dice with characters, settings, and problems to create unique stories, which they brought to life through lively and dramatic presentations. Together, these activities celebrated storytelling, analysis, and the joy of creative writing.



Heritage Art and Cultural Club

The HAC Club organized creative and culturally enriching sessions that blended art, storytelling, and collaboration. In one workshop, students explored the global diversity of puppetry through hands-on puppet-making and engaging performances such as The Journey of Two Friends, The Jungle Panchayat, and The Three Questions. Another session introduced students to the traditional Warli Art form, where they recreated motifs depicting tribal life, dance, and nature using geometric patterns. Both activities nurtured students' creativity, teamwork, and appreciation for diverse art and cultural traditions.



Clubs

ASTRONOMY CLUB

The Astro Club activity was conducted based on the theme “Colours Of Planets”. This activity was done with an objective to build scientific enquiry and unveil the magic of the universe. The activity started by engaging the students in watching a video based on reasoning of different colours of the planets. Each planet has a unique colour, which is determined by its composition and atmosphere . The students displayed their creative skills by using colours , bottles , glow lamps to make their own planet . The students worked in groups showing different painting techniques . It was a fun and engaging activity that integrated art and astronomy in a creative manner.



Clubs

ENVIRONMENT CLUB

The Environment Club hosted engaging activities that combined creativity with environmental awareness. Students participated enthusiastically in Organic Jewellery Making, crafting earrings, bracelets, and necklaces from natural and upcycled materials such as seeds, coconut shells, jute, and reused items. Additionally, club members designed and decorated jute bags, creating unique, nature-inspired pieces that reinforced eco-friendly practices and encouraged reducing plastic waste. Both activities promoted sustainability, creativity, and environmental responsibility, inspiring students to make thoughtful, eco-conscious choices



CREATIVE SKILL DEVELOPMENT CLUB

The Creative Skill Development Club at Kothari International School conducted vibrant hands-on sessions to nurture creativity and artistic expression. In the Embroidery and Stitching activity, students explored various stitches to create unique patterns, fostering patience and concentration. In Bottle Art, they transformed discarded glass bottles into colorful, imaginative creations, promoting creativity and eco-friendly practices. Both activities provided a platform to showcase talent while encouraging mindful crafting.



Parents' Orientation: Building Strong School-Home Partnerships

A Parents' Orientation Program was held at the beginning of the Academic Year 2025-26 to establish a strong foundation between the school and the families it serves. The program introduced parents to the school's philosophy, curriculum, policies, and expectations. It also allowed educators and administrators to build rapport with families and encourage open lines of communication throughout the year.

During the session, parents were given an overview of the academic calendar, co-curricular activities, classroom routines, and assessment methods. They were also introduced to key staff members, including class teachers, coordinators, and the principal fostering a sense of trust and collaboration and ensuring that both home and school environments support the child's growth.

Parents' orientation provided a platform to address concerns, clarify doubts, and understand how they can be actively involved in their child's education. This also created a welcoming and informative atmosphere, helping parents feel valued and empowered.



Formation of Executive Parent Teacher Association]

Kothari International School proudly conducted the formation of its Executive Parent Teacher Association (EPTA), on 5th July 2025 emphasizing collaborative growth and holistic student development. The EPTA was chaired by Mrs. Petronella Eates, with Mrs. Pradnya Gokhale representing the management.

The coordinators introduced were Mrs. Nidhi Bansal (Grades 4–5), Mrs. Neha Puri (Grades 6–8), and Mrs. Amita Singh (Grades 9–12). Teacher representatives from Grades 1–12, including Ms. Simran Lalani, Ms. Jutika Naik, Ms. Alekhya Pachigolla, Ms. Romy Bhattak, Ms. Tiasa Dasgupta, Ms. Amruta Satpute, Ms. Sangeeta Choubey, Ms. Shruti Ratnam, Ms. Aarti Gore, Ms. Purva Sawant, Ms. Siji Sheldon, and Ms. Neha Ballabh, were warmly introduced.

The Academic Dean addressed the gathering, highlighting the significance of sports, the Robotics Programme, and the Indrayu Sports Academy. She also shared exciting prospects like the introduction of a Skill Lab.

Grade-wise parent representatives (Grades 1–12) were elected through a draw.

Mrs. Vani Ragunnathan was elected as Vice Chairperson.

Ms. Neha Ballabh as Secretary, Mr. Anil as Joint Secretary (Parent body), and Ms. Tiasa Dasgupta as Joint Secretary (Teacher body).

This collaborative initiative of EPTA strengthens the bridge between parents and educators, ensuring shared responsibility and continuous dialogue for the betterment of each child.



Community Outreach

As we commemorated the 100th birth anniversary of our beloved Founder, Late Shri Mahadev Mansukhbhai Kothari (Babuji), our celebrations encompassed a heart full of gratitude. In honour of Babuji's benevolent spirit, we hosted a morning of joy, learning, and connection for underprivileged children, filled with songs, dance, games, and laughter. It was a celebration not just of his legacy, but of the values he stood for; compassion, inclusion, and community upliftment.

Through meaningful outreach and shared moments of happiness, we ensured his light continues to shine in the smiles of those we serve.



A Visit to Maher Ashram

The visit to Maher Ashram began with a short 15–20 minute drive from the school. Upon arrival, the Head Boy and Head Girl were warmly welcomed by the staff, who kindly showed them around the ashram and explained the work they do to support women, children, and men in need. They went bearing donations from the students, which they handed over to the staff. Although the visit was brief, it was a meaningful experience. Seeing the care and compassion that filled the ashram left them with a deep sense of appreciation for the wonderful work being done there.



The Wagh Nakh

Shivaji's Wagh Nakh is a famous weapon used by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj to vanquish Afzal Khan, a Mughal Emperor. The Precious Wagh Nakh was taken from India and sent to the UK. Recently, under bilateral agreement, it was loaned to India and is currently on display at Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji Museum, Satara. This heist attempt is a fictionalized tale which occurred on a fateful night in Satara.

They whispered in hush voices before entering the Satara's Shivaji Maharaj Museum. It was midnight. The smugglers- Robby and Bobby scaled the perimeter wall from the back compound and climbed up onto the roof. They removed the exhaust vent on the roof slowly and carefully. They accessed the museum air vent and disabled the CCTV cameras. Bobby fastened the grappling rope's straps on Robby.

Robby was hung suspended from the rope. Once lowered in the room, Robby gasped in amazement. The Wagh Nakh was just fifteen inches away, cased inside a thick glass. Robby took out his trusty laser glass cutter and started cutting away at the glass. Just as he was about to remove the glass, he sensed a movement. He gestured to Bobby to pull him up. They managed to pull up when the night guard came in for rounds. The smugglers held their breath. The guard inspected and stayed, for what seemed like hours. He did not notice the glass indentation or the smuggler suspended from the vent above. He left and the two felt relieved. They resumed their positions to carry the task on hand. In about fifteen minutes, sirens started wailing.

Robby had worked out a sweet deal with a private buyer who would fetch him and his partner a cool Rs. 500 crores for the priceless piece of Maratha heritage – The Wagh Nakh. The blaring sirens and the loud running paces of the army quickly watered down their dream to be millionaires.

Army surrounded the building and arrested the two hapless fiends in no time. What they did not account for was that the glass was pressure activated. The moment the glass was removed, the whole museum was put on high alert.

Swift action from the guards and the police ensured that the timeless piece of history stays encased for the world to see and for Indian to beam with pride!-

Anay Nair 7A



‘मिले सुर मेरा तुम्हारा’ A need of the Hour

Bharat is renowned globally for its rich cultural heritage, which can be preserved by embracing local customs, grasping local literature, participating in local festivals, and acquiring the local language.

For instance, in Maharashtra, truly understanding waari entails more than merely walking 10 kilometers and posting pictures on social media with warkaris. It involves immersing oneself in the Abhangas of Saint Tukaram, Ovis of Saint Gyaneshwar, and engaging with warkaris in their native tongue. One can genuinely experience Ganeshotsav by grasping the meaning behind Sukhkarta Dukhharta Aarti and reveling in local traditions accompanied by Dhol Tasha.

Charity begins at home, and as we uphold the principle of 'Vasudhaiva kutumbakam', let us initiate a movement to respect local cultures and languages nationwide. It is our responsibility to learn the local language when residing in a state for an extended period.

Though divided by states, we stand united as a nation as Hindi, our official language, unites us.

The phrase 'Mile sur mera tumhara' has become a pressing need and a demand of our generation.

-Tejas Bakshi, Grade 12 Science



The World We Wanted

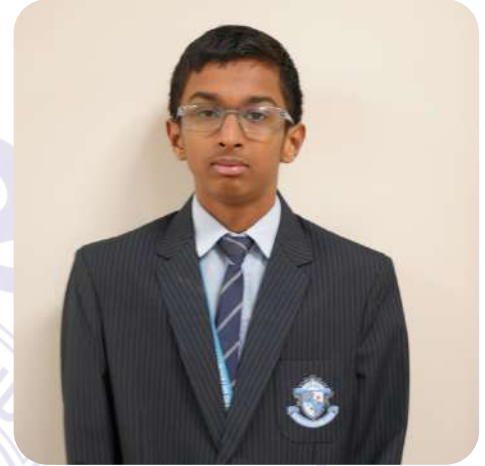
The nature looking great and lovely,
Humans are living nice and comfy,
This is the world we all wanted
Nukes, guns and war are unwanted,
God, please save us!
Bombs and bullets dropping with pleasure,
Humans and animals are trembling in terror,
This is not the world we wanted,
Wars and fights are detested,
God, please save us!
Countries vying for power,
But nature needs a lover,
Inventions are going to waste,
The poor don't have anything to taste,
God, please save us!'

- Mayan Reddy 7D



The Floating Market

In Srinagar, Kashmir's capital,
Lies something truly magical.
On the pristine waters, a mesmerizing fair,
Where the scent of freshness fills the air.
On the Dal Lake, this market lies
Beneath the early morning skies.
Where boats, the Shikara riders row,
And sell the fruits and vegetables that they grow.
Through the barter system, things are sold,
Not with money, not with gold.
Just from a Shikara rider's glance,
The others get to know their wants.
An amplified epitome of humanity,
Where the Shikara riders extend their hand carefully
To hold the Shikara of others,
So they can continue with their barter.
The time they go back is fixed,
With a bag of vegetables mixed.
They all go back within an hour,
Before the sun illuminates the skies by its powers.



- Darshan Bhujbal 8D

Dishita Kulshrestha won the Second Prize
in the SPF-sponsored drawing competition
in the category of 15-18 years.
This competition was open to children from
Kharadi, Vadgaon Sheri, Chandan Nagar,
and other areas within constituency.





Siyona Paliwal, Grade 12



Shanessa Paul, Grade 9B



Siddhant Nainani, Grade 6A



Natanya Chauhan 6A



THE NIGHT OF LOADSHEDDING by Tr. Shruti Ratnam

It was early May when my school closed down for the most awaited summer vacation. My sister Mini and I had planned to spend a fortnight with our grandparents. The idea of spending the vacation in the countryside and that too without our parents to keep an eye on us enthralled us.

So one sunny morning, our father drove us to our grandparents' old villa. It was a massive building with arched doorways and windows. The thick huge wooden doors stood towering and the paint on the walls was peeling. The garden had a marble water fountain as the centrepiece which did not work. I had visited the place before but this time it was enchanting. After a few days of stay, my parents drove back leaving us to enjoy with Tanu, our cousin who had similar plans to spend the vacation. Now for the trio, the days were of escapades and nights for stories. We shared a large bedroom and often stayed awake till late at night telling stories, playing Monopoly, painting, or planning for the next day.

One evening when my grandparents drove away to a marriage function saying that they would get late while returning, I was made the house in charge. So after ordering the servants to lay the dinner, I sent them off to their quarters and then we three sat down for the story session. We were deeply engrossed in one of the ghost stories that Tanu was narrating,

"The room was dark and as Rishi looked towards the window, a hand came through it."

Suddenly the lights went off. It was pitch dark! The clock struck 11 and stopped. We sat still waiting and the wait seemed endless. Finally, Tanu and Mini volunteered to fetch some candles from my grandma's room. The moment I heard their footsteps die away in the corridor, the realisation of an eerie silence dawned on me.

With the ghostly canopies of trees against the grey skies, visuals from horror movies came to my mind. Sitting on the bed I waited in apprehension for the inevitable. A hand emerging, I shuddered deep within and then against the ticking of the wall clock I heard a very distinct tap tap.

With my ears alert I strained my eyes in the dark. I held my breath. Suddenly I felt a gush of air through the window followed by a jingle. Feeling uneasy and scared in the stillness I boldly walked towards the window. A jingle rocked the room again. I was flabbergasted, through the window I saw the fountain spraying small jets of water that glittered in the moonlight. Goggleeyed, I watched. Just then the room was flooded with light and I instinctively looked at the watch, 11:15 pm. Fifteen minutes in hell. Abruptly I looked out again, the fountain had stopped. My eyes were wide with fear and disbelief. My heart pounded as if it would burst. I ran in the corridors to look for Mini and Tanu. The corridors echoed with my own footsteps.



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बाजार में बैठी एक दुखियारी ,
चादर लपेटे मुहँपर रोती जाए |
देखकर उसके दुख को,
कवि कारण भी न पूछ पाए |
पोशाक बन गई कवि की दुविधा,
चाहकर भी उस बेचारी को,
पूछ न पाए उसकी विपदा |
आस पड़ोस के लोग है जो,
कोस रहे है सभी उसको ,
कह रहे है हे ! पापिणी,
बेच रही है खरबूजों को ?
बेटे की कल मृत्यु हुई,
तेरह दिन का भी शोक न मनाया |
खरबूजे बेचने है आई,
धर्म, ईमान सब है बेच खाया |
सुनकर लोगों की बातें,
मन में एक व्यथा-सी जागी |
उस दुखियारी के दुख को जानने की,
मन में एक लालसा- सी जागी |
एकलौता बेटा था उसका,
कछियारी कर पेट पालता |
खरबूजों को बाजार में बेचकर,
अपने परिवार का निर्वाह था करता |

मुँह-अंधेरे जब खेतों से,
खरबूजे वह चुन रहा था |
जहरीले एक साँप ने काटा,
बोझ सर पर जब ढो रहा था |
बेटे के जीवन के खातिर,
बावली माँ ओझा को बुलावाई |
झाड़-फूँक ,दान-दक्षिणा में,
घर की सारी संपत्ति गवाई |
खाने-पीने के पड़ गए लाले,
उधार न दे रहा कोई बेचारी को |
पोता -पोती भूख से बिलगे,
पैसे कहाँ से लाए,बहु की बीमारी को |
फफक -फफक कर अभागन रोती,
तरस न करता कोई उसपर |
सारे समाज ने उसको दुत्कारा,
दया न आती हाय ! बेचारी पर |
कैसा भेदभाव यह इस समाज का ,
दुख की पीड़ा सबको समान है होती |
गरीबों को क्या इस समाज में ,
दुख की अनुभूति नहीं होती |
दुख का मातम मानना हर कोई है चाहता
क्या गरीबों को दुख मनाने का अधिकार नहीं होता ?
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जिजाऊंच्या पोटी जन्माला आला, शिव बाळ !
हाती धरला नांगर फाळ, आला आला सोन्याचा काळ !

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स्वातंत्र्याची माळ !

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