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AT THE HELM OF AFFAIRS...INSPIRING WORDS BY OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Vidya Vikasini Family

GREETINGS ! DEAR STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND ESTEEMED MEMBERS OF THE STAFF,



Sr. Johnmary Dondeti
Principal
VIDYA VIKASINI SCHOOL (C.I.S.C.E)

With the new year approaching, in the midst of winter, I was inspired by a beautiful little guest in my room.....a lovely butterfly had entered and splashed vivid colours in the monochromatic setting....just like the little children enter my room at school and fill it with vibrant energy!!!

It set me musing and comparing the life cycle of a butterfly and drawing parallels with the growth of a child.

Stage 1: Egg (Nurturing and Foundation) Just like a butterfly starts as an egg, a child's life begins with nurturing and foundation. During this stage, children absorb values like love, care, and protection from their caregivers. These values lay the foundation for their future growth and development.

Stage 2: Caterpillar (Growth and Exploration) As the caterpillar grows, it eats and explores its surroundings. Similarly, children learn and absorb values like curiosity, resilience, and adaptability as they navigate their environment. They begin to develop their sense of identity and build relationships with others.

Stage 3: Chrysalis (Transformation and Self-Discovery) In the chrysalis stage, the caterpillar undergoes a dramatic transformation, emerging as a beautiful butterfly. Similarly, children go through significant transformations as they grow and develop. They learn values like self-awareness, self-regulation, and empathy, which help them navigate their emotions and relationships.

Stage 4: Butterfly (Independence and Contribution) When the butterfly emerges, it's ready to fly and explore the world. Children, too, gradually develop independence and learn values like responsibility, kindness, and social responsibility. They begin to contribute to their families, communities, and society at large.

VALUES THAT SUPPORT GROWTH:

Throughout the butterfly's life cycle, we can see parallels with the values that support a child's growth. Some essential values include:

1. Love and care: Providing a nurturing environment for children to feel safe and valued.
2. Resilience and adaptability: Encouraging children to cope with challenges and adapt to new situations.
3. Self-awareness and self-regulation: Helping children develop emotional intelligence and manage their emotions.
4. Empathy and kindness: Teaching children to understand and appreciate others' perspectives and feelings.
5. Responsibility and social responsibility: Encouraging children to take ownership of their actions and contribute to their communities. By understanding these parallels, we can better support children's growth and development, helping them emerge into confident, compassionate, and capable individuals.

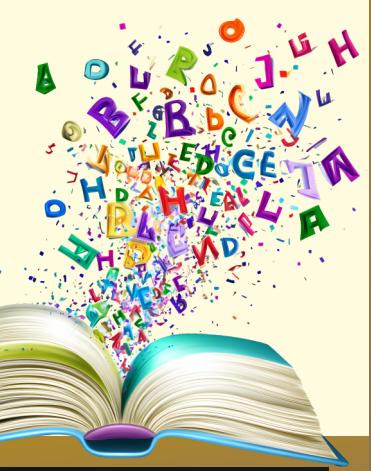
Wish you all the peace and joy Christmas brings this season and the hope of a

Happy and prosperous New Year



English Day

5TH DECEMBER, 2025



English is the universal language transcending political boundaries and unifying the world into a harmonious global village.

Our English teachers and students put up an intriguing assembly with tongue twisters and riddles. A Fashion Parade, as a tribute to great authors and poets, and a skit highlighting the importance of English Language kept the audience entranced and stirred up their interest in the language. The programme ended aptly with an English anthem.



Career Counseling Seminar

9th December, 2025



“Love what you do and do what you love. Passion is the key that opens the door to joy and abundance.”

A workshop was conducted for Std.8 students and their Parents by Mrs. Tejal Rishi Nandrajog, a clinical psychologist with an Advanced Diploma in Counselling. Throughout her career, she has been able to connect and provide support to people from diverse backgrounds navigating career transitions, personal challenges and mental wellness goals, addressing a wide range of concerns including Anxiety, Depression, Relationship issues, Grief Counselling and Career Counselling. She expertly guided our students to empower them in making appropriate career choices that align with their strengths and interests.



MOCK PARLIAMENT

5TH DECEMBER, 2025

OPPOSITION OUTDOOR ACTIVITY



MOCK PARLIAMENT

Red House Activity

4th December, 2025

UNFILTERED Conversations



The Red House organised an interviewing activity in adherence to their topic "Youth and Social Media".

The chosen theme was to reflect upon the power of Social media which is often termed 'distraction' due to lack of awareness about its productivity, efficiency and usefulness.

Some of our students of Stds. 8 & 9 visited the library of Vartak college of engineering and interviewed Abhishek Mishra, the chairperson of the E-cell i.e. the Entrepreneurship Cell and Aditya Jayraj Perambil, the chairperson of the Literati Club.

They learnt that using social media to expand their reach and perspective, it allows the entrepreneurs to tap into global markets, engage with diverse audiences, and attract funding on a larger scale. In essence, social media has bridged the gap between youthful ideas and their execution, empowering a new generation of entrepreneurs to turn their visions into reality. Indeed, an enlightening session for our young minds.





12th December, 2025

Internal Inspection of our School



This month, we had a thorough Internal Inspection as part of the protocol for all our institutions run by the Franciscan Brothers with the chief objective to facilitate co-ordination.

We welcomed our Inspectors with a special assembly with the theme, "Count Your Blessings" involving students from the Pre-primary to Grade X.

The very erudite and distinguished Bro. Julius George, the Director of our institution at Noida, New Delhi and Dr. Ramesh, the head of the MBA/ MMS section of our St Francis Institute of Management Studies, Borivali meticulously conducted an evaluation of the Administrative, Academic, Social & Financial levels attained by our school.



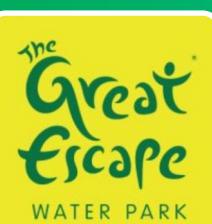
On being asked where we stand on a scale of 1 to 10, Bro. Julius George very sweetly awarded us 9/10 boosting our morale. Dr. Ramesh gave us practical instructions on planning our activities using the KSA formula for facilitating the development of:

* Knowledge (through Curricular)

* Skills (through Co-curricular)

* Ability (through Extra curricular)

Continuous Analysis, Abstraction & Application was essential after planning these activities and teachers must use Care, Criticality & Creativity while conducting these activities. The day ended with warmth and hope that we all would continue to grow by updating ourselves and maintaining the positive energy of the institution.



Std. 3 to 7

Picnic Day



13th December, 2025

The students of Std. 3-7 had endless fun unwinding at "The Great Escape" water park at Virar.

Indeed, time spent enjoying with friends etches precious memories to cherish forever.



fun times





Eco Sentinels....On Nature's Trail...

YELLOW HOUSE

MOCK PARLIAMENT ACTIVITY

15th December, 2025



Some of the students of Std. 7 to 9 visited a wild life sanctuary in Tungareshwar, Virar. A forest officer accompanied them explaining to them about the wild life and the ecosystem and how, as students, they can contribute towards sustainable ways to maintain balance between human activities and environment. The students participated in the cleanliness drive too picking up the plastic lying by the roadside while going to the Tungareshwar sanctuary.



GREEN HOUSE

MOCK PARLIAMENT ACTIVITY



Books, Brain and Beyond - Rethinking Indian Education....

Some of the students of Std 8 & 9 visited a cake baking studio at Vasai West and attended a baking session. They observed and learnt practical skills, helping them relate classroom learning to real life and see entrepreneurship in action. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and "scrumptious" experience!



19th to 23rd December, 2025

Christmas Celebrations

* Peace on Earth and Goodwill to all mankind....

With the season of good cheer and the bonhomie of the Christmas Spirit infusing joy everywhere, our tiny tots of the Pre-primary treated their helper "didis" to some gourmet snacks and a sweet little gift. The students of Std 1- 10 participated in various Creative Christmas Competitions and put up a dear little Christmas programme, enthralling all.



Giving is Living Pre-Primary Assembly



Adventure

CAMP

27th to 28th December, 2025

Life is either a daring ADVENTURE or Nothing at all - Hellen Keller

Our school organized an Adventure Camp for the students of Stds. VI to IX to Nivant Agro Experience, **Wada-Gora Village**. They took part in activities that tested their mettle like Net Climbing, Team Games, Rock Climbing, Wall Climbing, Archery, Rope Ladder, Trekking, Rifle Shooting, Valley Crossing and Swimming. It was fun to sing and dance under the starry sky around a campfire....making sweet memories for a lifetime.



Diocesan Education Day

16th December, 2025

A TIME TO COME TOGETHER AS ONE FAMILY

Diocesan Education Day was celebrated at St. John XXIII English School, Agashi. Bishop Thomas Dsouza presided over the function. It was a truly joyful for the entire Diocesan schools to come together as one family.





Articles

of the Month



The Last Day of School

-Shravasti Kelkar Std 10 A

*The last day of school!!!
Sounds weird, right?
I hated this place,
More than words can express!
Yet, as the final bell
Tolls ominously near,
I'm left in tears,
With a heart that's unclear.
No more nicknames,
No more teasing fun,
No more bunking,
No more adventures begun.
No more roaming corridors,
Hoping to catch a glance,
No more laughter with friends,
In this familiar dance.
Will new friends replace the old?
Will innocent love stories unfold?
Will excuses for homework disappear?
Only time will tell, through joy and tear.
No more uniform checks,
No more polished shoes,
No more reminders to trim my nails,
Clear nail polish hues.
It's the end of an era,
A chapter closed,
A bittersweet goodbye,
To memories disclosed.
I thought I'd be happy,
To be free at last,
But my heart remains heavy,
With a lingering past.
Perhaps someday,
I'll return to carefree days,
And laugh once more,
With joyous, youthful ways.*

Remember Us!

- Lil'c Singh Std 10 A

*I don't really know how to write a farewell poem,
Honestly, this doesn't even feel like one.
It just feels like I'm trying to hold sand in my hands,
And everything's slipping out.
We spent so many years complaining about school,
And now suddenly everyone's pretending they're fine
with leaving.
But we're not—or at least, I'm not.
It feels weird, like packing up a home you never thought
you'd leave.
We weren't some legendary batch.
We weren't the smartest or the most disciplined.
Half of us copied homework in the morning,
Half of us lived on late-night panic,
Yet somehow, we all survived.
I'll remember the dumb jokes that made no sense,
The arguments that lasted one day and then
disappeared,
The birthdays in classrooms with the half-melted cake,
The teachers who shouted but still cared more than we
were grateful for.
Nobody tells you that growing up feels like losing
something—
Like suddenly realizing the people you see every day
Might become strangers you only remember in pieces.
And to the ones who'll come after us:
Don't rush it.
Fight, laugh, get in trouble sometimes,
And take a million silly photos.
Because one day you'll blink and it'll all be gone.
If these walls ever whisper our names,
I hope they say we were real—
That we tried, we failed, we got back up,
And that we loved this place more than we admitted.
So we finally leave this place,
Not just with our names etched on our desks.
We leave it to our teachers, who will open our files
again like forgotten cases,
And we walk out with memories and hearts determined.*

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A Fun Day with My Friends

- Aaradhyaa Singh Std 1 A

I spent a day with my best friends, Yash and Aadi. We played and laughed until the day ended. We ran around the society garden and enjoyed the whole day. We shared our snacks and toys and played many different games. We also drew and painted together.

I love spending time with my friends. We said goodbye with hugs. My day ended with joy and happiness with my friends.

The Rainbow Dragons

- Diptashree Maji Std 4 A

A rainbow dragon flew one day,
Across the hills so far away.
Its wings were bright like the morning light,
Its breath was warm and soft at night.
It danced above the silver sea,
And sang a song of mystery.
Flowers bloomed where it flew by,
And the stars came out of the great sky.
If you ever feel alone or sad,
Think of a dragon that is strong and glad.
For the magic lives in heart and mind,
In every dream you choose to find.



OUR BUDDING ARTISTS...



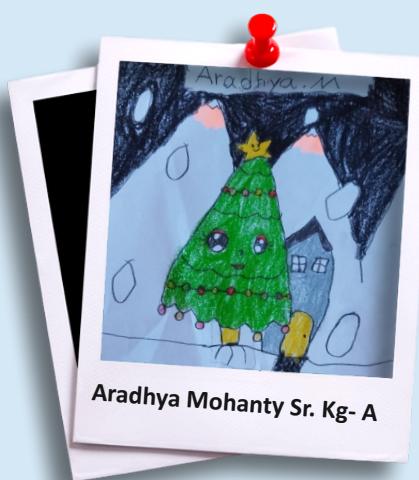
Pratham Shettigar 7th - B



Anvi V. Patil 6th - A



Harnadh Darji - Jr.Kg - A



Aradhya Mohanty Sr. Kg- A



Nysa Negi 5th - D



Eishita Manna 4th - A

VALUE BASED ASSEMBLIES

Your values define your character
Your character defines your future

JR.KG - A TAUGHT US HOW TO HONOUR OUR TEACHERS



YOUR HABITS DECIDE YOUR FUTURE JR KG - B



LEARNING ABOUT GRATITUDE FROM JR KG - C



VALUE BASED ASSEMBLY - PRIMARY





Science snippets



Why Do We Have Seasons?

Have you ever wondered why some months are hot, some are cold, and some feel just perfect?

The reason is seasons! We have four main seasons:



But what makes seasons happen?

The Tilted Earth

The Earth doesn't stand straight it is tilted like a slanted top.

As the Earth moves around the Sun, different parts get more or less sunlight.

When your side of Earth gets more sunlight, you have summer.

When your side gets less sunlight, you have winter.

It's not because the Earth moves closer or farther from the Sun it's because of the tilt!

A Quick Example : If India is having summer, countries like Canada or Russia may be having winter.

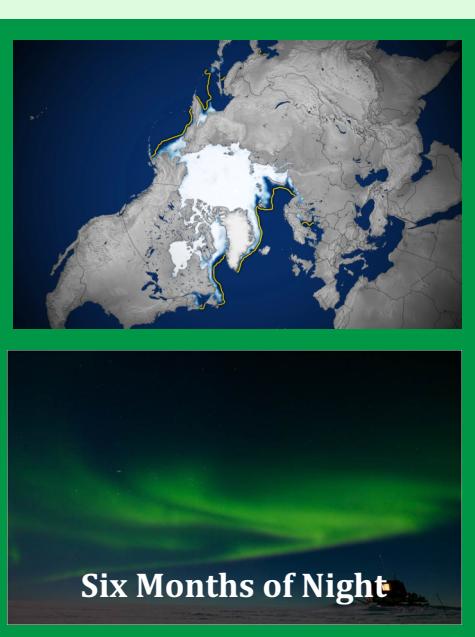
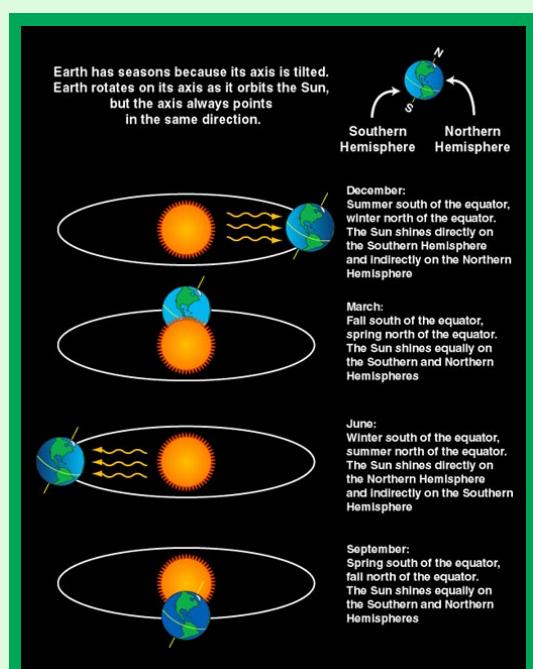
That's because they are on different parts of the Earth and get different amounts of sunlight.

Why Seasons Are Important

Seasons are helpful because they:

- Help plants grow
- Give animals time to migrate or hibernate
- Make weather interesting
- Help farmers know when to plant and harvest crops

Just imagine if it was hot all year we would miss cool breezes, snowflakes, and cozy winter sweaters!



Fun Fact!

* Antarctica has six months of daylight and six months of night because it is near the South Pole!



Achievements



Winning Laurels...



KAVERI RAUL (1-D)
Won 2 Bronze Medals
In RGOI District Skating Championship 2025.



ARYAN MUKNE (1-A)
Won 2 Bronze Medals
In District Level Skating Competition.



DHRUVAH KONNUR (1-A)
Won Gold and Silver Medal
at the 2nd GSKF Karate Championship,
In the under 08 yrs category.
* 1 Silver in KUMITE (Individual)
* 1 Gold in KATA (Individual)



SWARAJ SHINDE (4-D)
Won 2 Gold Medals In Mini Maharashtra State
Skating Championship.
Won 2 Silver Medals in the RGOI
Maharashtra State Skating Championship at Khopoli.



KHRISHA GOYAL (4-B)
Won Silver medal in Girls Doubles U-11.
Category during 4th Mini National Championship .
She secured 2nd Position in Nationals in her own category



ARYAN NAHAK (5-C)
Won 2 Gold in RGOI Palghar
Roller Skating Championship 2025-26.



CHRISTINE MENEZES (7-A)
Won 2 Gold medals .
Selected for RGOI National Skating Championship .



NIRVED KHAIRMODE (NURSERY-B)
Won Bronze Medal-Kata, Silver Medal
Kumite at Winners Cup-TSKA
3rd National Karate Championship 2025.



KRIPA LOTIA (5-A)
won a Bronze medal in Under-11 category at RGOI
Maharashtra State Roller Skating Championship 2025-26
Held at YAK Public School, Khopoli
On 21st Dec'25 and is selected for the Nationals....



MISHA THAPA (7-A)
Won bronze medals in Vasai Taluka
Kala Krida Basketball Tournament 2025. (U/14)



ISHITA GAUD (8-A)
Won bronze medals in Vasai Taluka
Kala Krida Basketball Tournament 2025. (U/14)



REYANSH GAUD (3-A)
Won Gold medal in Vasai Taluka
Kala Krida Basketball Tournament 2025. (U/14)



HRIYANSH BANERJEE (4-B)
Won 3rd prize winner trophy
at 15th National and 8th International Smart Kid
Abacus Learning Competition Pune 2025.



Congratulations