



## THE COLOURS OF INDIA UNFOLD ACROSS OUR CAMPUS.

### From the Mentor's Desk: The real meaning of freedom

Freedom is more than the day that we gained independence. It is a continuous endeavour of every Indian to fulfil India's **aspirations through action** in our everyday lives and indeed, in every aspect of our existence.

Freedom empowered us 76 years ago - to build India's future on the foundations of our rich civilization. As we host the G20 Summit in India, as India powers a trajectory of economic growth, as Chandrayaan takes to the skies and reaches the moon, we have made great strides towards fulfilling the new dreams of an ancient country, standing out as a nation that has much to offer the world.

India's heritage is a mosaic of diverse cultures, traditions, and wisdom drawing on millennia of civilisation. This Independence Day, let us continue to build on our achievements and seek to take India ahead through four powerful values.

- Freedom from mediocrity: Towards **excellence**
- Freedom from bias: Towards **equity and equality**
- Freedom from bigotry: Towards **societal evolution**
- Freedom from ignorance: Towards **enlightenment**

If every Indian aspires to these, Rabindranath Tagore's words will indeed come true:

*Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;  
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sand of dead habit;  
Where the mind is led forward by Thee into ever-widening thought and action;  
Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.*

Each Independence Day is a call to take India ahead to the promise that it holds.

Jai Hind.

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The heritage of India is incomparable wealth. As educators and parents we transfer and entrust it to the next generation.

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“Our vision is to create a community of lifelong learners who are connected, confident, Indian global citizens and who go on to become informed leaders of the future.”



# EXPLORE EARLY LEARNING

## A Celebration of Patriotism

**Independence Day** celebrations commenced with the traditional lamp lighting and the donning of tricolour scarves by all dignitaries. The flag hoisting and a breathtaking display of dance, music, and drama that showcased **freedom from mediocrity, bigotry, gender bias and ignorance** through vibrant performances including traditional folk dances and patriotic songs came next..Under **KIIT Project Smile**, which aims to bring smiles to all by touching the lives of families, neighbourhood and society, students from Upasana Special School were welcomed in an atmosphere of inclusivity and unity.

The programme was graced by esteemed Chief Guests, **Shrimati Shikha Bhardwaj**, Municipal Councillor of Ward No. 58, Saraswati Vihar, and **Shri Suresh Kaushik**, Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP), Narela, whose achievements in public service were an inspiration to all. We welcomed **Shri Kamal Sagar**, Chairman, Aapbeeti News and **Shri Ravindra Kushwaha**, Chief Editor, Aapbeeti News to the event. **Shrimati Shilpa Arora**, Principal, Upasana Special School and many alumni joined us.

Shrimati Shikha Bhardwaj, in her address to the audience, emphasised the crucial role that parents play in helping children understand the sacrifices of the great leaders who fought for India's freedom. Her words resonated deeply with the audience, reminding everyone of the **responsibility to educate the younger generation about our history and values**. Shri Suresh Kaushik shared a powerful **message of unity**, emphasizing that the spirit of independence should translate into unity and respect for all citizens. He stressed the importance of working collectively towards a better future and preserving the hard-won freedom of the nation.



Dr. Sangeeta Bhatia unfurls the Indian tri-colour among an august gathering.





# EXPLORE EARLY LEARNING

## Discoverers & explorers of the wild

A collage-making activity is a fun way for children to learn any concept. When the collage is of wild animals, it enhances **finger and hand strength** through the use of craft and glueing movements and spans **many subjects from biology to geography and habitats**. Children also develop creativity and artistic skills as they express themselves through unique designs and ideas. Relating the zebra and giraffe to savannah lands, learning how the tiger, the leopard, lion, cheetah, panther are different, creating a safari of their imagination, they returned as happy explorers.



**DID YOU KNOW:** Safari an excursion to see or hunt wild animals, especially in Africa comes from the Arabic word safara 'and Hindi 'safar' to travel?

## A little button can be a lot of fun!

Every child of Happy Hours learns to manage themselves independently. Daily acts that children do for themselves teach them values of self-reliance and self-sufficiency that are the foundation of 'growing up'. A special Montessori activity based on buttoning & unbuttoning was conducted to develop eye-hand coordination and fine motor skills of our little ones. Children waited patiently for their turn and were delighted to find that, without any help they could button each garment.



## The story of a green horse

Students of Grade II Curious Crew conducted a role-play on their Hindi lesson Hare rang ka ghoda, using **storytelling techniques and role enactment** to learn important life lessons. The storytelling technique is a familiar practice at our school, and children participate actively and engage with peers to learn unforgettable lessons through these age-old techniques.

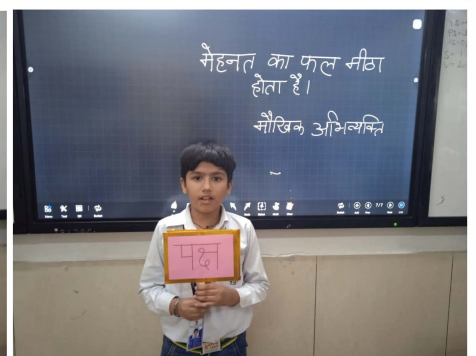
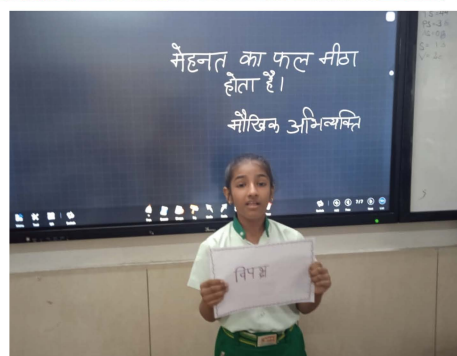


## My book of collective nouns

To provide a visual representation of learning and physically see what they have learned, students were asked to prepare books on the subject of **collective nouns**. The literary activity was the perfect context for them to learn all about different collective nouns and rules on how they are used. It also provided a memory hook to the topic.

## मेहनत का फल

मेहनत का फल सदैव मीठा होता है। मेहनत एक ऐसा हथियार है जिसकी सहायता से मनुष्य आलस्य रूपी दुश्मन को मार कर अपनी सफलता का मार्ग आसान बना सकता है। इस संसार में बिना मेहनत के कुछ भी नहीं प्राप्त हो सकता। बैठे-बैठे केवल सपने बुनने से या ख्याली पुलाव पकाने से कार्य की सिद्धि नहीं होती। कक्षा 5 के बच्चों ने मौखिक अभिव्यक्ति के अंतर्गत मेहनत का फल सदैव मीठा होता है के पक्ष व विपक्ष में अपने विचार साझा किए।

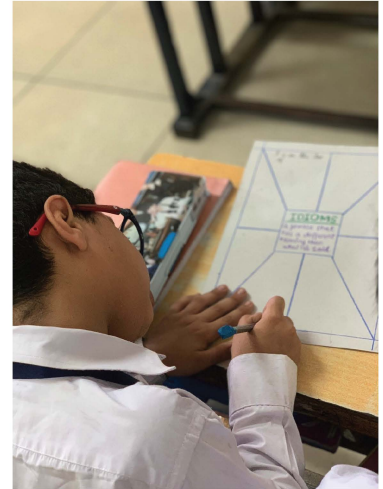




# EXPLORE EARLY LEARNING

## Fun with idioms

Idioms and phrases carry meanings that go beyond simple words. The students had fun with the unusual English idioms, adding depth to their language skills through figurative expressions. Idiomatic expressions lead to language proficiency as students learn many phrases or idioms where the whole means something completely different to the words it is made of. For example, once in a blue moon means 'rarely' - not one time inside a blue moon!

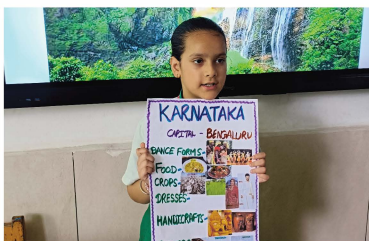


## Inside the world of 'Tom and Aunt Polly'

Grade V stepped into the shoes of literary characters, Tom and Aunt Polly from Mark Twain's classic, The Adventures of Tom Sawyer. Acting as characters in a story can lead to a better understanding of the story's themes and messages, as one understands it through the motivations and experiences of the characters. As they went back to America of the 19th century, their comprehension and engagement with the story were enhanced through an inside-out view of the characters in the story.

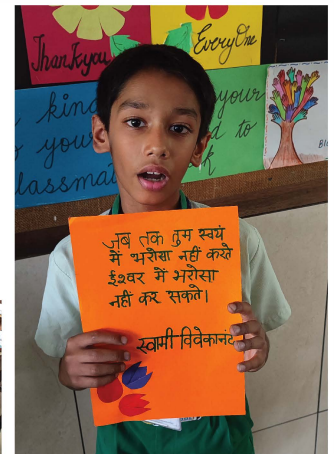
## The Southern Plateau

The lives of people living in the states of Southern Plateau provided rich insights to students of Grades IV Curious Champs and IV Caring Champs. The area south of northern plains right up to Kanyakumari, is diverse & rich & students delved into the heritage, food, culture and geography of the states from Telangana and Karnataka, to eastern Odisha.



## स्वामी विवेकानंद के विचार

महान लोगों का जीवन हमें अच्छे काम करने की प्रेरणा देते हैं। भारत में अनेक महान लोगों ने देश के उद्धार में योगदान दिया है। कक्षा 4 के बच्चों ने स्वामी विवेकानंद के विचारों को कक्षा में साझा किए। इनसे उनके उच्चारण व श्रवण कौशल का विकास हुआ।



## Water is Life

Grade III Caring Champs organised a poem recitation activity to raise awareness about the importance of water conservation. Creative expression and a crucial environmental message were combined to educate all about the significance of conserving water resources, in the face of increasing global water scarcity. Each individual has a role to play in preserving water and the event fostered a sense of responsibility to adopt water-saving practices in their daily lives.





# AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

## Health and Fitness

Name of Competition	Student and Class	Position
Yoga se hi hoga	Aadvik Narayan Sharma: II Curious Crew Bhumika Bansal: II Confident Crew	1st position

## Performing Arts

Name of Competition	Student and Class	Position
Trailblazers	Udhav Sharma: II Curious Crew	2nd position
Puppetry	Laina Aggarwal: II Curious Crew Aradhna Jain: II Curious Crew Kavyansh Sharma: II Caring Crew	2nd position
Prakriti sang vikas ki od	Dhriti Goel: V Confident Champs Pranavi: V Confident Champs Paridhi: V Confident Champs Anshika Verma: V Confident Champs Anvi Narang: V Curious Champs	2nd position
Bolti Kathputli	Avni Maliik: IV Curious Champs	3rd position
Cultural Heritage	Yashika Sharma: V Caring Champs Mehar Arora: V Caring Champs Sabahat Ansari: V Caring Champs	2nd position
Isharon Ki Duniya	Pawni: V Curious Champs	2nd position

## Public Speaking

Name of Competition	Student and Class	Position
Twist the tale	Janishi Mittal: I Curious Crew Ashutosh Bhadoria: II Caring Crew	2nd position

## Science

Name of Competition	Student and Class	Position
Brain teaser	Anup Yadav: Pre-Primary Nand: Pre-Primary Rushika: Pre-Primary	3rd position
Glory of Technology	Kavyansh Sharma	2nd position

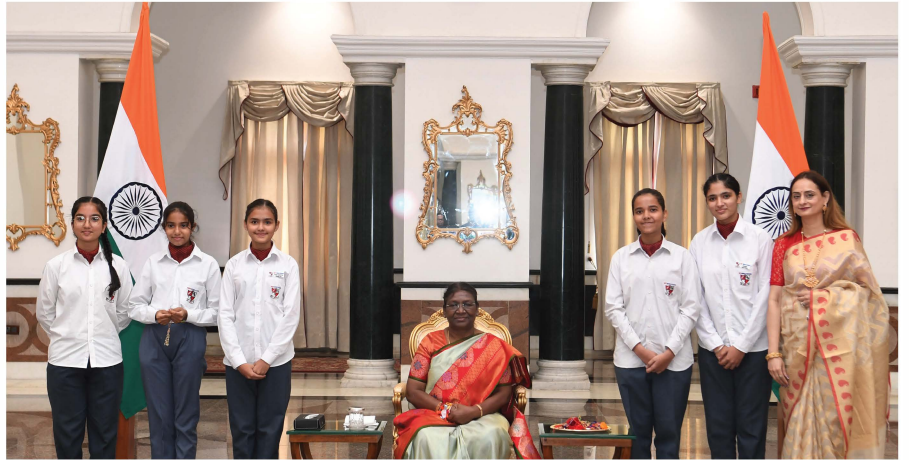


# ENJOY RAKSHABANDHAN

## Raksha Bandhan: A Special Bond

Rakshabandhan was celebrated with the President at the Rashtrapati Bhavan - and with healthcare workers, policemen, mentors and support staff.

On Rakshabandhan, five students had the privilege of visiting Rashtrapati Bhavan. The students, accompanied by the Headmistress of Happy Hours School, Ms. Manreet Kaur, were warmly welcomed at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The premises were beautifully decorated to mark the festive occasion.



The highlight of the visit was an inspiring address by the **Hon'ble President, Ms. Draupadi Murmu**. She spoke about the significance of Rakshabandhan and its relevance in the context of our diverse and culturally rich nation. Her words resonated deeply with the students, and they understood the true spirit of Rakshabandhan.

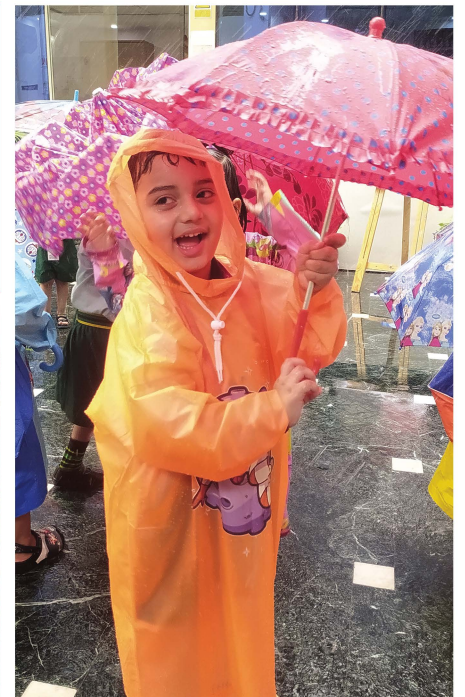


Back at school, all students celebrated the bond of love and care - Rakshabandhan, by tying a symbolic rakhi to the Principal, teachers & support staff at the school. Spreading the message of #kiioprojectsmile and bringing joy to every stakeholder, students visited the police station, hospital and local market, tied the symbolic thread on policemen & doctors, our real-life protectors as well as van drivers. The rakhi bound the community in stronger relationships and the humble threads acquired new meaning.



## Rain Dance: Symbol of Renewal

The monsoon carries messages of hope and renewal in India. Our tiny tots arrived in bright-coloured rain jackets wearing beaming smiles on their faces ready to dance in a "cloud of rain". Children danced to the sounds of rain and the splashing of water, connecting with nature. The renewal of dry, parched earth and the joyful, happy spirits of children were as one with each other. And the sheer fun of the experience saw many spectators wanting to join in!





# ENGAGE JOY OF LEARNING

## World Chess Day: Sport on 64 squares

India's chess champions have made the nation proud. Grade I Curious Crew presented an assembly on the occasion of International Chess Day to prepare the next league of chess wizards. Students introduced the different chess pieces and chess moves. Chess teaches the values of an individual sport and cognitive skills related to memory, planning, and problem-solving. Many young students were seen engrossed in the game, could we be seeing the champions of the future?



## Hindi poets and writers

Students of Grade I Caring Champs enlightened us about famous Hindi poets and writers. They learnt of the richness of the Hindi literary tradition and experienced the power of Hindi poetry. Our many poets and writers have influenced society and stood for enlightenment. Be it Munshi Premchand, Ramdhari Singh Dinkar, Amrita Pritam or countless others, their words shaped our thinking and ring as true today as when they were first penned.



## National Handloom Day: Weaving the threads of tradition

Our lifelong mentor and a true Gandhian, Shri Baldev Raj Kamrah ji, inspired us to follow the Gandhian philosophy of working with hands through handicrafts and handlooms. Students of Grade II Curious Crew displayed our heritage of weaves, embroideries and artisanship spanning khadi, tussar silk, kalamkari, phulkari, bandhani and more. The entrancing and rich fabric heritage of India is unparalleled in the world and each student displayed and explained different fabric traditions with pride.



**DID YOU KNOW:** Sujani and Kantha embroideries from Bihar and Bengal use the same stitch to create distinct styles of embroidery.

## Life is better with friends: Friendship Day

Affirming the idea of learning with peers, students of Grade II Confident Crew celebrated Friendship Day with a unique assembly. They showcased that friendship has many dimensions creating a play on the six types of friends in an individual's life. Students carried away the importance of having friends and relationships in their lives to create a strong support network. They also discovered many interesting and never-before know species of friends - from the mother figure to the loyalist and even the adventurer.





# GLIMPSES



## NEP: Shaping the future of education in India

On the 3rd anniversary of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, 26 dedicated educators had the privilege of attending a grand event held at Pragati Maidan. The event featured an enlightening address by the **Honourable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi**, who shared his vision of education with a distinguished gathering of educationists and focused on the transformational potential of the NEP in shaping the future of education in India



## Teacher development for NEP 2020

Happy Hours School partnered with team KIIT to undertake Action Research to prepare teachers for the growing professional responsibilities of teachers under NEP 2020. Research on Darwinian Rules for School Teachers' showcased an agile approach to teacher talent development. This forward-thinking strategy aligns with the National Education Policy of 2020 and underscores our commitment to being agents of change in the evolving education landscape. As school leaders presented findings, their initiative was lauded by a distinguished audience.





# PARENT-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Class II Curious Crew invited parent mentor **Ms Prabhjeet Kaur** to learn about what a professional chef does. The lecture-demonstration covered both the chef's career as well as a practical, hands-on demonstration of kitchen tools and equipment such as spatula, wok, and different types of ingredients. Students heard about many famous chefs who have made a name for themselves in the hospitality industry such as Sanjeev Kapoor, Vikas Khanna and Ranbir Brar.

Finally, much to the joy of students, the chef-mentor taught students a delicious recipe, making fruit cones that were nutritious and tasty. Students, teachers and even the Principal and senior team relished the fabulous snack as students brought their culinary masterpieces for them to try.



## Role of parents in K-12 education

Strong partnership between parents and schools is a theme on which our Mentor, Dr. Sangeeta Bhatia, is known to be an expert. At a recent panel discussion for educators, she spoke of the risks of over-parenting and how important it is to find the right balance when bringing up children. She shared that children are just like seeds - they need air, water and sunlight but in the right proportions if they are to grow and thrive.

*"The biggest problem we face as school leaders is that parents don't play any more with children. They don't go to parks in the evening, they don't play with toys. Gaming has moved to gaming on mobile phones, tablets, digital gaming... where no digital platform can take a school's place is No. 1 in core values. And second is to be able to innovate and arouse curiosity in a child."*

~ Dr. Sangeeta Bhatia

## Tell us how you like Panorama

Panorama is our way of giving you a glance of the everyday activity of our students, and sharing important news. Please drop in suggestions on what you would like to see in PANORAMA and keep us posted on whether you liked the issue.

Suggestions for Panorama to be shared here>>

## Parent Visiting Hours

Parents are welcome to visit the school

**With Teachers:** Weekdays, from 2 pm to 3 pm

**With Principal:** By prior appointment

## Drop in your Suggestions

Parents may drop in a suggestion at any time in the virtual suggestion box on the Contact us page of our website [www.happyhoursschool.in](http://www.happyhoursschool.in)



# HEADLINES

## ET Leadership Excellence Award 2023

The Times Group conferred the ET Leadership Excellence Award 2023 on Dr. Sangeeta Bhatia, Principal, KIIT World School for **Excellence in Innovative School Practices** at a glittering ceremony held at The Grand, Delhi graced by actor Rakulpreet Singh and many other celebrities.

**Dr Sangeeta Bhatia and Dr Harsh Vardhan Kamrah** - the epitome of the impeccable standards of governance and leadership at KIIT World School - accepted the award and reiterated their commitment to building on the legacy of the school.



## North India School Educators Summit & Merit Awards: Accolades for KIIT World School

As the Feeder School to KIIT World School, it is a matter of great pride that KIIT World has been ranked **No.1 for Most Effective Blended Learning Model** in Delhi in the CBSE Category by Education Today jury members.

Dr. Sangeeta Bhatia has also been recognised as one of the 50 Most Effective Principals for her inspiring presence at the school. Indeed, we believe no one deserves the award as much as our tireless Mentor whose dedication to the institution's growth and the students' holistic development knows no bounds.







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I am a Promise, I am a Possibility



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