

Maharashtra Village day Celebration

PGKM School Transforms into a Maharashtrian Village

The foundation section of PGKM school transformed into a vibrant Maharashtrian village, hosting an unforgettable event that left everyone in awe. The excitement was palpable as children, parents, and staff gathered to immerse themselves in the rich cultural heritage of Maharashtra.



The event kicked off with mesmerizing dance performances by the young students, showcasing their talent and enthusiasm. The highlight of the evening was the impressive Silambam performance by Snithick and Kabir, which left the audience spellbound. To recreate the authentic village experience, various stalls were set up, offering a glimpse into rural Maharashtrian life. The entrance welcomed guests with a traditional tilak ceremony, setting the tone for the festivities. The atmosphere was electric, with the sounds, sights, and aromas of a bustling village filling the air.

The Maharashtrian Village Day celebration was a resounding success, offering a unique and enriching experience for all involved. The event not only showcased the rich cultural heritage of Maharashtra but also fostered a sense of community and togetherness among students, parents, and staff.



A Marketplace of Traditions

A vibrant marketplace was recreated, showcasing the essence of rural culture. Stalls featuring fresh fruits and vegetables, dry spices, and groceries were set up, giving children a glimpse into rural life. Children enthusiastically explored the stalls, discovering the sights, smells, and sounds of a bustling village market. This interactive experience not only taught them about the importance of local produce and traditional spices but also instilled an appreciation for the simplicity and charm of rural living.



Young Vendors Showcase Entrepreneurial Spirit

Children took on the role of sellers, showcasing their entrepreneurial spirit. The young vendors confidently interacted with parents, promoting their products. This unique experience helped children step out of their comfort zones, developing essential communication and socializing skills. By encouraging them to take on leadership roles, the celebration fostered confidence, creativity, and self-expression among the students.



Silambam Performance Stuns the Audience

The evenings were made even more memorable with the incredible Silambam performance by Snithick and Kabir. Their skillful display of this traditional martial art left the audience spellbound, showcasing precision, agility, and strength. The mesmerizing moves and rhythmic flow of the performance captivated everyone, making it one of the highlights of the event.



Captivating Dance Performances

The evening was filled with mesmerizing dance performances by the young students, each showcasing their immense talent and enthusiasm. With every graceful move, they captivated the audience, bringing energy and emotion to the stage.



Pottery and Mehndi Experience

The celebration took a creative turn with the setup of a pottery and mehndi stall. This interactive experience allowed children to explore their artistic side and connect with traditional Maharashtrian crafts. Children enthusiastically participated in pottery-making, shaping and molding clay into unique creations. Meanwhile, the mehndi stall offered beautiful henna designs, adding a touch of elegance to the celebration.



Timeless Fun: Classic Maharashtrian Games Revived

The evening featured a thrilling Game Zone, transporting children to a traditional Maharashtrian village. The zone included classic games like Vitti Dandu, Spinning top and colouring activities, offering a fun-filled experience. Children enthusiastically participated in these timeless games, reviving the joy of simple, rustic play. The Game Zone was a huge hit, providing an entertaining and memorable experience for all.



Bringing Rural Life to Kids with Live Animals

The highlight of the event was the live animal setup, which brought the rustic charm to life. Children had an unforgettable time interacting with various animals, including colorful birds, playful parrots, and curious cats. They also fed grass to the domestic animals experiencing the joys of rural life. The interactive animal experience sparked curiosity and wonder, creating lifelong memories for the young learners.



Milking, Churning, and Learning

As part of PGKM's Village Day celebration, a milking and churning stall was set up to give children a hands-on experience of traditional Maharashtrian village. Children enthusiastically participated in the milking and churning process, learning about the importance of these traditional skills in rural Maharashtra. This interactive experience not only taught them about the origin of dairy products but also instilled an appreciation for the hard work and dedication that goes into rural livelihoods.



Authentic Flavors of Maharashtra at the Food Stalls

The event featured an array of mouth-watering food stalls, serving authentic Maharashtrian delicacies. The sugarcane juice and pithla bhakri stalls were particularly popular, while the hurda (roasted corn) added a delightful rustic touch to the celebrations.





Understanding Traditional Calendars: A Learning Session

Students are often familiar with the Gregorian calendar, but many other calendar systems exist, including India's traditional methods of timekeeping. To introduce students to these rich traditions, a special session titled Panchang Parijanam was organized.

The session aimed to help students understand the basics of traditional Indian calendars and the art of reading the Panchang. The activities included an outdoor demonstration where students formed a circle on the ground, acting as the Sun, Earth, and Moon to visualize their movements and interactions. This playful activity made it easier for students to grasp celestial phenomena like the Earth's orbit and the Moon's rotation.

In the classroom, Shardul Date narrated a fascinating story of Sage Parashara, explaining the scientific reasoning behind the phases of the Moon, such as Purnima (full moon) and Amavasya (new moon). Each participant received a photocopy of the Panchang for the month of Margashirsha (December) and explored its five key elements. They practiced interpreting a specific day's Panchang based on these components, gaining hands-on experience. The session successfully sparked curiosity and appreciation for India's timekeeping traditions, connecting modern students to their cultural heritage.





A fascinating session was organized for Grade 8 students to delve into the evolution and properties of metals and non-metals. The aim was to explore their characteristics through experiments and understand their significance in the field of metallurgy and daily life.

The session included a variety of engaging activities:

- Reaction of Metals with Acids and Bases: Students observed and noted the changes during chemical reactions.
- Oxidation of Metals: Experiments demonstrated how metals react with oxygen, leading to phenomena like rusting.
- Litmus Test: Students identified the presence of acids and bases using litmus paper.
- Confirmatory Tests for Hydrogen Gas: Students conducted tests to detect the evolution of hydrogen gas during reactions.

To enhance their understanding, students created timelines to visualize milestones in metallurgical inventions and participated in an interactive quiz on the topic.

This hands-on session not only deepened their scientific knowledge but also highlighted the practical applications of metals and non-metals in various fields.



Sankalpana - Vedic Maths



An exciting session on Vedic Mathematics was conducted for Grade 8 students by Shardul Date and Triveni Walekar, aiming to simplify and enhance mathematical calculations.

The session introduced students to the essence and significance of Vedic Maths, focusing on practical techniques for faster calculations. Key highlights included:

- **Introduction to Vedic Maths: Exploring its origins and benefits.**
- **Simplifying Subtraction: Learning two innovative tools to make subtraction easier.**
- **Quick Calculation Tricks: Hands-on practice with various methods to perform calculations efficiently.**

The students responded enthusiastically, finding the interactive approach both enjoyable and enlightening. The presenters' expertise and engaging style created a positive learning atmosphere, inspiring students to delve deeper into the fascinating world of Vedic Mathematics.



Sankalpana - Figurative Language: Exploring Figures of Speech

On 21st December 2024, Grade 7 students participated in an engaging and informative session on Figurative Language: Exploring Figures of Speech conducted by Ms. Suchitra Sasane. The session aimed to introduce students to the world of figures of speech, enhancing their language skills and appreciation for literature. Ms. Suchitra Sasane guided students in identifying and understanding various figures of speech, including Alliteration, Antithesis, Metaphors, Similes, Personification and more. Through interactive exercises and group discussions, students analyzed the meaning and usage of figures of speech in poems and literary art. They also applied their knowledge by incorporating figures of speech into their own writing. The session was designed to be engaging and interactive, with Ms. Sasane using real-life examples, games, and activities to keep students enthused and motivated.



To make it interesting students drew a tree on which they wrote figures of speech in their own writing, enhancing their creative expression and language skills. The interactive session on Figurative Language: Exploring Figures of Speech, was a resounding success, providing Grade 7 students with a unique opportunity to explore the world of figures of speech. It was an engaging teaching-learning session making it enjoyable and informative, leaving students with a newfound appreciation for language and literature.

Language learning involves understanding its letters, words, and sentence structures. Marathi, like any other language, requires a firm grasp of its foundational elements such as alphabets, barakhadi (phonetic table), words, and sentence construction. Mastering these fundamentals allows for effective communication and fluency.



To enrich students' understanding of Marathi, an innovative activity, Divyadrishti – A World of Words, was introduced, combining creativity and language learning.

Activity Highlights

1. Creating Shapes from Wire:

Students were given a thin, flexible wire and asked to form various shapes. These shapes were then named in Marathi. For instance: Spring → कळ (Kal)

The children wrote down the Marathi words associated with the shapes they created.

2. Interpreting Objects with Imagination:

Students were shown different objects and asked to describe what they saw through their Divyadrishti (imaginative lens). Eg.

- o Ball → लाडू (Ladu)
- o Belt → नागोबा (Nagoba)
- o Ground cone → पुंगी (Pungi)
- o Stick → तलवार (Talwar)

These words were compiled, and students used them to craft sentences.

3. Story Writing from Words:

The activity progressed to story creation. Using the words and sentences they developed, students attempted to weave their own narratives. This engaging approach not only introduced students to new Marathi vocabulary but also helped them understand sentence formation and the basics of storytelling. By integrating play and imagination into learning, the activity made language exploration both fun and meaningful.



Sankalpana - Decoding of Math word problems

Math is not just about numbers – its about making our minds sharp, creative and adaptable. As kids go through the various levels of math in school, there's always one constant: Word problems. Whether students are learning addition and subtraction, fractions, algebra, or geometry, word problems always play a role. To uncover how word problems can help us think critically, Sankalpan session on "Unlock the power of word problems" was conducted by Mrs. Manik Sudame on 7 th December 2024. The session engaged students in different activities by which they understood the Math keywords for decoding the word problems and solve them effectively.



Sankalpana - Allowance and Royalty in maths

On December 14, 2024, an engaging session was conducted, focusing on the concepts of allowance and royalty while teaching percentages and fractions.

The session began with distributing graph paper to students, who were tasked with designing robots. Each part of the robot such as the hands, face, legs, and body was assigned a different color. Students calculated the number of boxes used for each part, converting these counts into fractions and percentages.

The session continued with an interactive explanation of key mathematical concepts:

- Converting fractions to percentages and vice versa
- Converting decimals to percentages and percentages to decimals
- Calculating the percentage of a number
- Practical applications and comparing percentages

Activity sheets were distributed to reinforce the concepts, allowing students to solve examples and solidify their understanding. This hands-on approach not only made learning percentages enjoyable but also fostered a deeper comprehension of its applications in everyday scenarios.



The sessions on "Physical and Emotional Changes During Adolescence" were conducted on Monday, 9th December (1:00 PM to 3:00 PM) and Thursday, 12th December (9:30 AM to 12:30 PM) for Grades 6th, 7th & 8th. Dr. Vaishali Deshmukh, Paediatrician was invited as a guest speaker for the session. The session for girls and boys were organised separately. The aim was to provide students with insights into the physical, emotional, and social transitions during adolescence, equipping them with tools to navigate these changes effectively.



Focus Areas:

- Introduction to adolescence and puberty.
- Overview of physical changes i.e. reproductive system during adolescence.
- Understanding and managing emotional changes and thought process.

Highlights:

1. Presentation: The session began with an engaging presentation covering the stages of physical development and common challenges faced during puberty.
2. Interactive Discussions: Students participated actively, sharing their queries and experiences.
3. Q&A Segment: The guest speaker addressed questions related to body image, hormonal changes, and coping mechanisms for emotional fluctuations.

Most students found the session informative and appreciated the opportunity to ask questions in a safe and open environment. Several students expressed interest in more detailed discussions on specific topics like self-esteem and mental health. It was also suggested to have follow up session to clarify the doubts which could not happened due to time constrain.

Students gained a better understanding of the physical and emotional changes they experience. They learned practical strategies to cope with challenges during adolescence. The sessions encouraged open dialogue, helping students feel more comfortable discussing sensitive topics.

The sessions were highly successful in addressing the core issues faced by adolescents. The positive feedback from students reflects the relevance and impact of the topics discussed. We extend our gratitude to the guest speaker and participants for making these sessions meaningful and impactful.

Christmas Celebration in Foundation Stage



The Foundation Stage, comprising Nursery to Grade 2, celebrated Christmas with great enthusiasm and fervour. The students were dressed in their festive best, adding to the vibrant atmosphere.

The celebration featured various stations, each tailored to a specific grade level. These stations offered an array of engaging Christmas-themed activities like -Feeding the Santa, I Spy , Crosswords etc. These activities captivated the children's imagination and excitement.

With a jolly smile and loads of love Secret Santa spread cheer and happiness amongst the young ones. The children's eyes widened with excitement. The surprise visit added a magical touch to the already festive atmosphere.

The celebration concluded with a delicious European-themed snack, featuring Garlic bread, mixed vegetables in white sauce and cupcakes for snacks, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. The Christmas celebration was a resounding success, providing the Foundation Stage students with a memorable experience that will be cherished throughout the year.



Weather Prediction report

Grade 2 students participated in a fun and interactive weather prediction activity. The students were asked to observe the current weather conditions and predict what the weather would be like tomorrow. They recorded their observations and predictions on a worksheet, which included drawing a picture of what they thought the clouds would look like tomorrow.

Based on these observations, the students made predictions about what the weather would be like tomorrow.

The weather prediction activity was a great way for Grade 2 students to practice their observation and prediction skills. This activity also helped the students develop their critical thinking skills and learn about the importance of weather forecasting.

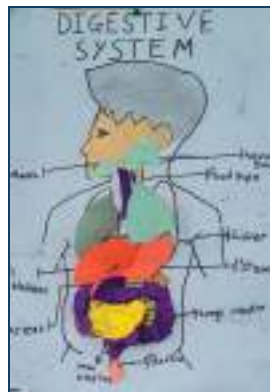


Creative Learning: 2D Digestive System Model Project

During a casual classroom discussion, an exciting idea emerged - creating a 2D model of the human digestive system!

The children eagerly embraced the concept and began brainstorming together.

They started by sketching the outline of the human body and crafting different organ shapes using waste paper. With creativity and teamwork, the young learners transformed discarded materials into a vibrant, educational model showcasing the digestive system. This hands-on activity not only deepened their understanding of human anatomy but also highlighted the importance of



Fashion Show Activity – Clothes We Wear!

We recently conducted a fun fashion show activity for Class 4 students on the topic "Clothes We Wear." This event helped children understand different types of clothing and the professions they represent. The young participants walked the ramp confidently, showcasing various outfits while explaining the materials used to make them. They also shared facts about the clothes worn by people in different professions. The activity was a great success as the children participated enthusiastically and learned in a creative way!



Grade 6 - A Memorable Trek to Rajgad Fort

On Saturday, 21st December 2024, the grade 6 students of PGKM School embarked on a memorable field trip to the historical Rajgad Fort. The trek began early in the morning with students enthusiastically setting off on the scenic trail, enjoying breathtaking views of lush green valleys, towering cliffs, and the mesmerizing dawn fog. The group, guided by the GGIM team and PGKM teachers, started their climb through Pali Darwaja. Shivansh Karale (6B) energized the team with a powerful Shivgarjana, setting a spirited tone for the trek. The trail, initially gradual, became steeper, eventually requiring the students to climb rock-stairs, making the ascent both challenging and thrilling.

Upon reaching the top after a one-and-a-half-hour climb, the students explored key historical points, including the Sanjeevani Machi, Padmavati Machi, Suvela Machi, Balekilla, and the secretive Chor Darwaja. They also observed the grand structures of Rajgad, such as the sadars (offices), palaces, markets, grain stores, water tanks, and temples, showcasing the fort's historical significance as the Maratha Empire's former capital. After a lunch break on the fort, the students began their descent, filled with a sense of accomplishment. The trek not only provided an adventurous experience but also taught valuable lessons in perseverance, teamwork, and respect for nature and cultural heritage. It was truly an enriching journey, leaving the students with lasting memories and a deeper connection to history.



Grade 7's Adventurous Trek to Visapur Fort

On 14th December 2024, Grade 7 students embarked on an exciting adventure to Visapur Fort, a historic hill fort near Lonavala in Maharashtra. The trek was filled with thrill and excitement as the children climbed the rocky terrain with remarkable strength and enthusiasm. The breathtaking view from the top added to the memorable experience. Throughout the journey, the students received insightful information about the historical significance of the fort from the trekkers, making it both an educational and adventurous outing. Built in the early 18th century by Balaji Vishwanath, the first Peshwa of the Maratha Empire, Visapur Fort stands at an elevation of about 1,084 meters. It offers panoramic views of the surrounding landscape and is known for its scenic trekking routes, ancient water cisterns, caves, and old fortifications. This blend of history and natural beauty makes it a popular destination for history enthusiasts and adventure seekers alike.



Theme of the month



CANTEN MENU (JAN 2025)									
Date	Day	Breakfast	LUNCH						Snacks
			Soup / curd	Roti	Vegetable	Dal	Rice	Salad	
1/1/25	NEW YEAR HOLIDAY								
2/1/25	Thursday	Veg Upma	Lemon Coriander soup	Phulka	Batata bhaji / Keli bhaji	Dal Fry	Jeera Rice	Gajar / Tomato koshimbir	Bhadag
3/1/25	Friday	Moong Dal Chilla	Butter Milk	Phulka	Cabbage	Phodniche Varan	Plain Rice	Kadhipatta Chutaney	Banana
4/1/25	Saturday								
5/1/25	Sunday								
6/1/25	Monday	Pohe	Kokam	Phulka	Methi	Amti	Plain Rice	Bhopla Bharit	Peanut Chikki
7/1/25	Tuesday	Masala puri	Butter Milk	Phulka	Chole	Varan	Plain Rice	Papad chutney	Rawa Naral Ladu
8/1/25	Wednesday	Veg Daliya	Jaljeera	Phulka	Paneer Burji	Varan	Plain Rice	Gajar Koshimbir	Apple
9/1/25	Thursday	Masala paratha	Kadhan	Phulka	Shepu	Dal Tadka	Corn Pulao	Mix raita	Wheat Shankarpali
10/1/25	Friday	Idli chutney & sambar	Butter Milk	Phulka	Wal Papdi	Rassam	Plain Rice	Tomato Koshimbir	Patal Pohe Chivda
11/1/25	Saturday								
12/1/25	Sunday								
13/1/25	Monday	Pohe	Jaljeera	Phulka	Bhoghichi Bhaji	Kadhi	Kichadi	Papad	Gulpapdi
14/1/25	MAKAR SANKRANT HOLIDAY								
15/1/25	Wednesday	Shevai Upma	Manchow Soup	Phulka	Akkha Masoor	Varan	Plain Rice	Khamag Kakdi	Sukhi Bhel
16/1/25	Thursday	Sabudana Khichadi	Corn Soup	Phulka	Bhendi Masala	Amti	Plain Rice	Mula Chataka	Orange
17/1/25	Friday	Moong Dal Chilla	Butter Milk	Phulka	Tondli	Palak Patal Bhaji	Plain Rice	Beet Koshimbir	Jeera Biscutes
18/1/25	Saturday								
19/1/25	Sunday								
20/1/25	Monday	Tari Pohe	Kokam	Phulka	Pitla	Phodni Varan	Plain Rice	Papad	Corn Chat
21/1/25	Tuesday	Uttapa and chutney	Lemon Coriander soup	Phulka	Wag Bharit / Green Tomato	Kadhi	Pawata Bhat	Boondi Raita	Jawari Lahi
22/1/25	Wednesday	Upma	Butter Milk	Phulka	Chavli Usal	Gujrathi Dal	Plain Rice	Shegdana Chutaney	Besan Ladu
23/1/25	Thursday	Methi Paratha	Tomato Basil Soup	Phulka	Besan Simla	Dal Fry	Jeera Rice	Khamag Kakdi	Papya
24/1/25	Friday	Konkan Theme							
25/1/25	Saturday								
26/1/25	Sunday								
27/1/25	Monday	Pohe	Butter Milk	Phulka	Sarso ka Sag	Tomato Sar	Pulao	Mix Koshimbir	Methi Mathari
28/1/25	Tuesday	Masala puri	Kokam	Phulka	Double Bee	Dal Fry	Plain Rice	Kakdi	Khakra
29/1/25	Wednesday	White Dhokla chutney	Tomato soup	Phulka	Karle	Dal Tadka	Plain Rice	Mint raita	Peanut Ladu
30/1/25	Thursday	Veg sandwich	Butter mlk	Phulka	Matar Usal	Phodni Varan	Plain Rice	Tomato Kanda Koshimbir	Peru
31/1/25	Friday	Sanja	Broccoli Soup	Phulka	Shev Bhaji	Dal Tadka	Plain Rice	Gajar Koshimbir	Corn Chivda
The menu is subject to change according to the availability of materials.									