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Orientation 2025-26 - A Promising Start at PGKM School



PGKM School conducted its orientation program for the academic year 2025-26 from 2nd to 7th June 2025, led by Principal Mrs. Prajakta Bhide. The session aimed to familiarize students and parents with the school's strengths, curriculum, and upcoming activities.

With an impressive strength of 1627 students and 220 dedicated staff, PGKM continues to grow as a thriving learning community. This year, the integration of Britannica Learning Tools, the PGKM Tech Center for robotics, coding, and Python, along with upgraded Gurukul books, promises to enhance the academic journey.

Following an NCERT-based curriculum, the school prepares students for CBSE exams while offering a well-rounded experience through field trips, student-led events, and Saturday choice-based clubs. The orientation also highlighted daily schedules involving reading, fitness, and math practice, along with detailed insights into assessments and weekly updates via Google Classroom.

With clear communication systems and a strong academic foundation, PGKM is all set to embark on a successful and enriching academic year.





The Pre-primary Orientation Day at school marked a warm and enthusiastic beginning to the academic year. Parents and children were greeted with a welcoming atmosphere that reflected the school's commitment to nurturing young minds. The session began with an overview of the academic pedagogy, where the focus on child-centric and experiential learning was highlighted. The curriculum is thoughtfully designed to go beyond rote learning and instead foster critical thinking, creativity, and concept clarity through hands-on activities and real-life experiences.

A key highlight of the orientation was the emphasis on holistic development, ensuring that each child grows not just academically, but also emotionally, socially, physically, and spiritually. The school's philosophy aligns with the Panchakosha framework as proposed in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, aiming to nurture all five layers of a child's development - physical, energetic, mental, intellectual, and blissful. This was illustrated through examples of daily routines and planned activities that cater to the complete well-being of the child.

The importance of language development was shared through the LSRW model (Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing). Parents were informed about how classrooms would be language-rich environments, fostering early literacy through storytelling, picture talks, rhymes, and guided reading. Similarly, the approach to numeracy was explained, where children move from concrete experiences to abstract understanding. Through games, manipulatives, and real-world contexts, children learn to enjoy math while building a strong conceptual foundation.

In promoting knowledge of the world, the school adopts a thematic integration approach, where learning is interlinked across subjects to promote a deeper and more meaningful understanding. Children will explore broad themes that connect to science, environment, society, and values, encouraging curiosity and engagement. Beyond academics, the school also ensures the development of other essential skills like motor abilities, social-emotional awareness, life skills, and values education. Regular exposure to art, music, physical activity, and mindfulness is an integral part of the timetable.

A strong emphasis was placed on giving every child voice, choice, joy, and ownership in their learning journey. The school believes that when children are given opportunities to express themselves, make choices, and participate actively in their learning, they become more confident, responsible, and motivated learners. Classrooms are envisioned as joyful, inclusive, and vibrant spaces where learning is celebrated and each child feels seen and heard.

Parents were encouraged to be active partners in their child's learning journey, with a promise of open communication, regular updates, and involvement in school activities. The Orientation Day concluded with an open interaction session, leaving parents reassured and excited about the enriching year ahead for their children.

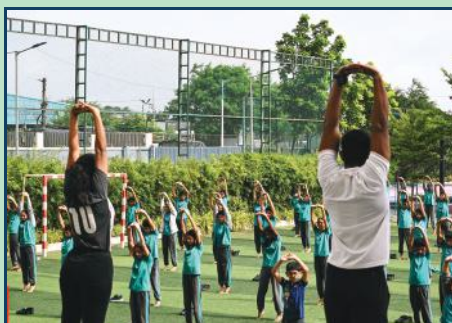
International Yoga Day



PGKM Students Embrace Yoga for a Healthier Tomorrow

On the occasion of International Yoga Day, PGKM School campus radiated a vibrant energy as students came together in a joyful celebration of health, harmony, and holistic well-being. The session, held on 20th June under the guidance of the Physical Education Department, highlighted yoga's powerful role in nurturing growing minds and bodies.

To set the tone for the day, a graceful rhythmic yoga performance by girls of Grades 6 to 8 captivated the audience. In beautifully synchronized formations, the students presented a variety of yoga poses, combining strength, flexibility, and balance with elegance. This performance was not just a display of skill but also a visual expression of the essence of yoga—unity, discipline, and inner harmony.



Students then participated in a Common Yoga Protocol session, including Asanas, Pranayama, and Meditation, followed by deep relaxation techniques to promote inner calm and focus.

The session included a variety of other beneficial poses like:

Virabhadrasana (Warrior), Trikonasana (Triangle), Vakrasana, Bhujangasana (Cobra), Dhanurasana (Bow), Shalabhasana (Locust) , Frog Pose Paschimottanasana, (Seated Forward Bend). These postures helped enhance core strength, muscle tone, balance, and spinal flexibility - essential components for maintaining good posture and reducing fatigue during long school hours. Through this well-balanced blend of strength-building, stretching, and calming asanas, our students took a meaningful step towards becoming more centered, mindful, and physically empowered learners.



Little Yogis Celebrate Yoga Day with Joy!

The tiny tots of PGKM celebrated International Yoga Day with great enthusiasm and joy. The session was filled with energy, positivity, and lots of smiles as the children engaged in simple and playful yoga activities.

The celebration began with gentle stretching exercises to help the children warm up and understand the importance of body movement. One of the highlights of the day was introducing the children to creative alphabet yoga poses, making the session both fun and educational.

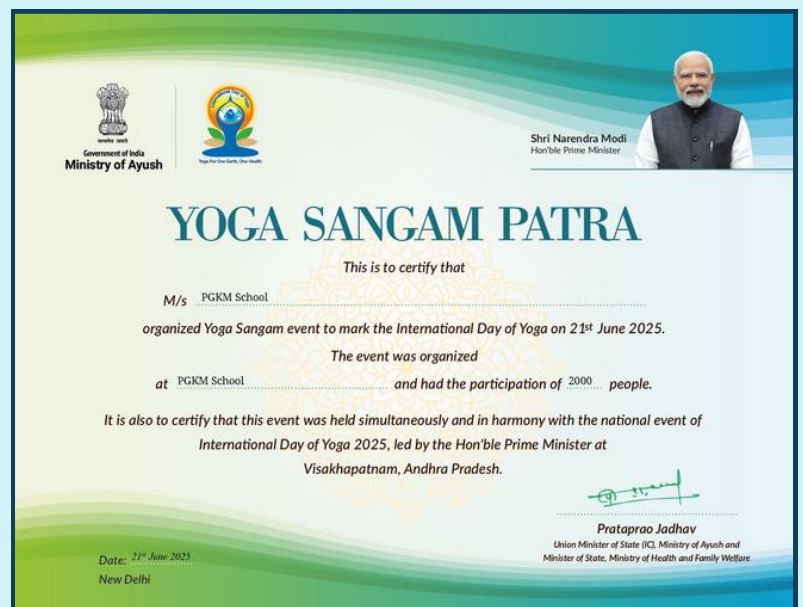
It was heartwarming to see the children trying different poses with eagerness and excitement. Their laughter and cheerful participation added a lively spark to the day. The celebration truly reflected the spirit of well-being and mindfulness in a joyful and age-appropriate way.

The day ended on a refreshing note, leaving the children relaxed, happy, and more connected to their bodies. It was indeed a fun-filled and memorable Yoga Day for our little learners.

PGKM School Secures National Recognition on International Yoga Day

PGKM School proudly marked International Yoga Day 2025 by registering as an official participating organization with the Government of India, Ministry of Ayush. The school organized a large-scale Yoga Sangam event on 21st June, with over 2000 participants.

In recognition, the school received the Yoga Sangam Patra for its active contribution, in alignment with the national event led by the Hon'ble Prime Minister at Visakhapatnam.





At PGKM School, wellness is not just a student initiative - it's a shared commitment. To extend the spirit of International Yoga Day, the school organized a dedicated yoga session for all staff members on 21st June, under the direction of the Physical Education Department.

The session was designed to highlight the importance of integrating physical activity and mindfulness into daily routines, especially for educators and support staff who play a vital role in nurturing the school environment.

All subject teachers, supporting staff, and canteen team members were warmly invited to participate. The session included:

- An introduction to the importance of Yoga
- Common Yoga Protocol Session (Asanas, Pranayama, and Meditation)
- Relaxation Techniques to promote mental clarity and reduce stress





On Sunday, 22nd June 2025, students from Grades 8 and 9, along with their parents and teachers, took part in a short yet spiritually fulfilling walk as part of the Pandharpur Waari. Though the stretch from Seven Loves Chowk to Wanawadi wasn't long, the memories made were profound.

Walking in the dindi, students interacted with the Warkaris, soaking in their devotion and energy amidst the rhythmic taal, zanj, and soul-stirring chants. The walk turned vibrant as students, teachers, and parents joined hands in circles, playing fugdi and singing abhangas and bhajans together.

The darshan of the palkhi of Sant Tukaram Maharaj was the sacred highlight, filling hearts with joy and reverence. Teachers walked shoulder-to-shoulder with students, guiding and celebrating this meaningful tradition.

The event was marked by unity, gratitude, and community spirit - a living reminder that Waari is more than a walk; it's a cherished legacy. May this tradition continue to inspire and uplift generations to come.





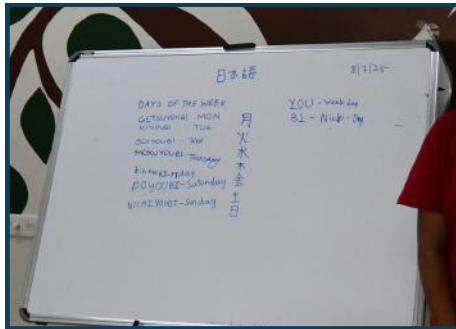
The first day of school at PGKM was nothing short of magical as it opened its doors with a grand LEGOLAND-themed welcome for the children. The entire floor was transformed into a vibrant and colorful world of LEGOs, filled with engaging backdrops and creative setups that sparked excitement and curiosity among the little ones.

Children were immersed in a variety of play-based activities using over 50 types of LEGOs and blocks, specially curated to stimulate imagination, coordination, and collaboration. From building simple structures to exploring creative designs, the day was filled with laughter, learning, and joyful play.

To make the day even more special, each child received a clay gift as a small token of memory from this fun-filled beginning. The LEGOLAND Day celebration was a truly memorable experience, setting a joyful tone for the exciting school journey ahead. From rainbow-themed decorations to tiny hands dipped in vibrant shades, every corner of the school echoed with enthusiasm and creativity. It was truly a heartwarming and promising start to what is sure to be a bright, enriching, and memorable school year.



Konnichiwa, Japan! – A New Hobby at PGKM



PGKM School has introduced an exciting new **Japanese Hobby** course from this academic year, offering students a gateway into the vibrant world of Japanese language and culture.

Designed for beginners, the course covers everything from traditional greetings like Ojigi (bowing) to essential vocabulary, grammar, and cultural insights. Students will explore Japan's map, history, festivals, and customs, while learning basic language skills - greetings, numbers, Hiragana, Katakana, verbs, and more.

Through fun, interactive sessions, learners will gradually build the confidence to read, write, and speak Japanese, gaining a deeper appreciation of its heritage and etiquette. This hobby not only enhances communication skills but also fosters curiosity, adaptability, and global awareness.

A New Spin on Creativity: Pottery Wheel Joins the Art Studio!

The PGKM Art Studio just got an exciting upgrade! Following the successful introduction of hand pottery last year, this year welcomes the arrival of the pottery wheel - taking students' artistic expression to the next level.

With the pottery wheel, students are learning to shape clay into beautiful vases, pots, and more. It helps develop fine motor skills, concentration, and a deeper appreciation for the craft. This hands-on experience is not only fun but also teaches patience and precision.



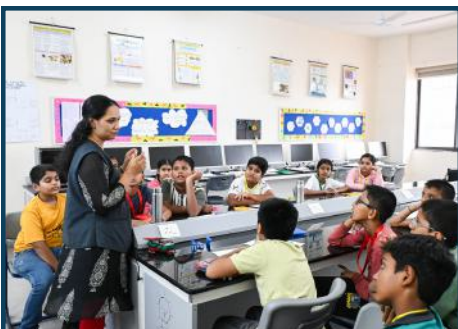


The spirit of innovation has found a new home with the launch of our **brand-new Robotics Lab**. Designed as a hub for creativity, experimentation, and learning, the lab is fully equipped with cutting-edge tools including 3D printers, drone kits, and a wide range of electronic and mechanical components.

Students have already begun their hands-on journey, diving into the fundamentals of electronics and robotics - working with breadboards, understanding Ohm's Law, exploring resistor color codes, and studying different types of robots and the foundational laws of robotics.

The lab offers more than just gadgets—it provides real-world learning. From designing and printing 3D models to building and flying drones, students learn by doing. They develop technical skills alongside critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaborative abilities. Whether crafting mechanical systems or debugging circuits, the Robotics Lab challenges students to turn ideas into tangible innovations.

This initiative marks a leap forward in integrating STEM and STEAM education into everyday learning. With tools to tinker, code, design, and build, the Robotics Lab sets the stage for future engineers, designers, and inventors to thrive. Let the innovation begin!



We're excited to share that a brand-new 3D printer has been added to our Robotics Lab!

This advanced addition opens new possibilities for students to bring their digital designs to life, enhancing their understanding of design, prototyping, and real-world engineering applications.



Students Lead the Way with Class Rules and Ritual Boards

In a wonderful display of ownership and collaboration, students from Grades 3 to 9 have created and displayed classroom rules and ritual charts tailored to their class needs. These vibrant and meaningful boards feature values like teamwork, respect, honesty, hard work, and a positive mindset.

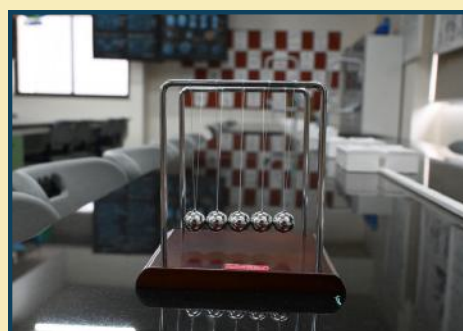
Designed and written by the students themselves, each chart serves as a daily reminder of the classroom expectations and shared goals. From "listening quietly" to "making good choices" and "encouraging each other," these student-led initiatives are fostering responsibility, discipline, and a supportive learning environment across all grades.



New Additions Enhance School's Infrastructure

PGKM School continues to upgrade its facilities to support holistic learning. Recently, the school introduced new science lab apparatus, enhancing hands-on learning experiences for students and encouraging scientific curiosity.

Additionally, a sturdy new compound fence has been installed around the school ground, ensuring better safety and security for all students during outdoor activities.



Empowering Education with Britannica



A dynamic Teachers' Training session was conducted by Britannica on Saturday, 28th June 2025, offering educators a deep dive into innovative teaching tools and strategies. Known globally as a comprehensive learning platform, Britannica supports teachers in lesson planning, creating interactive content, and empowering students with knowledge that helps them understand and shape the world around them.

Britannica's award-winning solutions combine high-quality content, instructional design, and technology, reaching over 150 million students across more than 100 countries. Their tools serve diverse educational institutions—from schools and universities to libraries and ministries.

During the session, educators explored the BELLS and Hello Britannica platforms, learning how to incorporate resources like Britannica School, Launch Packs, and Expedition into their classrooms. The hands-on segment enabled teachers to create their own resource packs, an activity they enthusiastically completed with success.

The session also introduced Britannica Compass, offering new ways for Science and Social Science teachers to enhance their curriculum. Additionally, an orientation was conducted for administrative, non-teaching, and hobby staff, ensuring understanding and implementation of Britannica's solutions across the school ecosystem.

With its forward-thinking approach and collaborative spirit, Britannica continues to inspire a joyful and impactful learning journey for both teachers and students.





At PGKM, we believe that every meal served should reflect not just taste but also trust and safety. That's why our canteen staff recently underwent professional training under **FoSTaC - Food Safety Training and Certification**, a flagship initiative by the **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)**.

FoSTaC training is a mandatory certification that ensures food handlers are well-versed in hygiene, safety practices, and regulatory compliance. It covers essential aspects of food handling, personal hygiene, cleanliness, and Schedule 4 norms of the Food Safety and Standards Regulations.

This training equips our staff with the right knowledge and practices to maintain the highest standards of food safety. With this step, PGKM reinforces its commitment to creating a safe, healthy, and caring environment for every child.

E-PTA Committee Formed for 2025-26



Strengthening School-Parent Partnership: E-PTA Committee Formed for 2025-26

The E-PTA (Executive Parent-Teacher Association) meeting for the academic year 2025-26 was successfully conducted on 28th June 2025. During the session, a new E-PTA committee was formed through a transparent name-drawing process, ensuring fair representation from all grades. One parent representative was selected from each grade, fostering inclusive participation and collaboration.

The E-PTA plays a vital role in bridging the communication between parents and the school. It provides a structured platform where ideas, feedback, and suggestions can be exchanged to enhance the learning environment and student experience.

Having parent representatives in each grade ensures that concerns and perspectives from all age groups are considered. The committee works closely with the school management to support academic activities, cultural events, well-being initiatives, and overall school development. This initiative is part of PGKM's ongoing commitment to shared responsibility, transparency, and community-driven growth, ensuring that education is a collective effort between teachers, parents, and the school.

With the newly formed committee in place, the year ahead looks promising for stronger collaboration and enriched student outcomes.

Introducing The PGK Mandal's Learning Centre: Nurturing Potential, Building Futures

The Poona Gujarati Kelavani Mandal's Learning Centre is a dedicated educational space supporting children facing academic challenges. Our vision is to empower every child to achieve their full potential - academically, socially, and vocationally.

We provide:

- Specialized training for NIOS examinations at the secondary level, with curriculum tailored to each student's pace and learning style. This includes interactive modules, hands-on activities, real-life projects, and one-on-one tutoring.
- Practical skill development for a brighter future, covering areas like Digital Literacy, Communication & Social Skills, Entrepreneurial Thinking, and Life Skills. Our approach emphasizes child-centered teaching, a low teacher-student ratio, an inclusive environment, and parental involvement to create a supportive learning ecosystem.



Class Activities

Music and Movement with Patterns- Jr. KG

We conducted an engaging Music and Movement activity to introduce basic writing patterns like standing, sleeping, and curved lines. Children joyfully traced these strokes through rhythmic body movements and paper work, making learning fun and multisensory.

This approach supports fine motor development, pattern recognition, and muscle memory - key elements for early writing. It also boosts focus, self-expression, and builds a positive, stress-free attitude towards writing, laying a strong foundation for confident, independent writing skills.



Eyes and Hair Matching Activity - Sr. KG

To enhance observation and identification skills, our pre-primary children took part in a fun "Eyes and Hair Matching" activity. They first explored different eye shapes and hairstyles, learning to notice and talk about variations like big or small eyes, curly or straight hair.

Later, they matched eye pictures with the correct hairstyles, boosting their attention to detail, memory, and visual discrimination. The activity encouraged children to observe facial features closely and celebrate the uniqueness in appearances—all while having fun!

Grade 1 & 2 - A Magical Start to the School Year

The year kicked off with a burst of color as children arrived dressed in their favorite colored clothes. Our hallways came alive with a rainbow of happy hues, setting a joyful tone for the start of the school year.

The biggest highlight for many was undoubtedly the magic show! The visiting magician wowed the children with delightful tricks and a fascinating demonstration of color blending, showing how two different colors can create a brand new one. It was a fun and imaginative way to explore this concept.

The excitement continued with music and movement activities, helping students shake off any first-day jitters and bond with their classmates through dance and play. As the day drew to a close, students relaxed with a coloring worksheet, allowing them to express their creativity while reinforcing their understanding of colors.

It was a day full of laughter, learning, and vibrant new beginnings, setting the stage for what promises to be a fantastic school year ahead!



Grade 3 - वचनांची रंगीत दुनिया

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Grade 4 Number Plate Activity

On 13th June 2025, Grade 4 students engaged in a fun and interactive Number Plate Activity as part of their Math lesson. The objective was to help students revise key concepts such as odd and even numbers, place and face value, addition, subtraction, and comparing numbers.

Students were divided into eight groups, with each group comprising five members. Every group was assigned two vehicle number plates to work with. Using the digits from these plates, students enthusiastically calculated sums and differences, compared the numbers, and identified whether they were odd or even.

The activity turned into a playful learning experience, reinforcing mathematical concepts in a real-world context. Students enjoyed working in teams, and the hands-on approach made revision engaging and effective.



Grade 5 Explores Plant Reproduction

As part of their Environmental Studies (EVS) curriculum, Grade 5 students delved into the fascinating topic of Reproduction in Plants during the 2nd and 3rd week of June. The activity was designed to help students understand the critical stages through which plants reproduce and grow.

The session began with an introduction to plant reproduction, where students learned how reproduction is vital for the continuation of plant species. The concept was explained in an engaging manner, setting the stage for deeper exploration.

Students then studied seed germination, including the conditions necessary for seeds to sprout—namely, water, air, warmth, and care. They learned the key stages of growth from seed → sprouting → seedling → mature plant.

To bring theory into practice, a seed sowing activity was conducted in class. Students planted black gram, sunflower, and moong seeds, observing changes over the days and noting differences in growth speed and appearance. Lively discussions followed, as students shared their observations and understood how different plants germinate uniquely. The lesson concluded with a recap of plant reproduction stages, reinforcing the concept through observation, discussion, and reflection.



Grade 6 Exploring Patterns Through the Super Cells Activity

On 9th June 2025, a fun and interactive Math activity on the concept of super cells was conducted for the students. The objective was to help them understand what super cells are through hands-on learning. In the activity, students stood in a single line and each picked a card containing a number. After observing the numbers on their own cards and comparing them with the numbers of their neighbors, students had to identify if they were standing in a 'super cell' position. This process encouraged logical thinking and pattern recognition.

Through this engaging method, students also learned how the number of super cells varies depending on whether the total number is even or odd. The activity made the learning process lively and memorable. Students enjoyed participating and grasped the concept of super cells effectively through this simple yet thoughtful exercise.



Grade 7 Dines at the Green Bite Café

On 13th June 2025, Grade 7 students explored the topic Nutrition in Plants through a creative classroom activity in Science. The classroom was transformed into a pretend café named Green Bite Café, where students learned about different modes of plant nutrition in a fun and engaging way.

Divided into five groups, each representing autotrophs, parasites, insectivorous, symbiotic, and saprotrophs, students picked plant names from chits and joined their respective groups. A themed menu card was given to each group, and based on their mode of nutrition, they had to place an order. This led to thoughtful discussions on why each menu item was selected.

The interactive setup encouraged collaboration and communication, making the concept of plant nutrition both enjoyable and memorable for all students.



Heartiest Congratulations to our SOF Achievers!



Heartiest Congratulations to the SOF Winners!

PGKM School proudly congratulates all the brilliant minds who have excelled in the Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF) exams. Their dedication, hard work, and passion for learning have truly paid off!

A total of 95 students made us proud with their exceptional performances:

- 46 students shone in the International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO)
- 16 students excelled in the International Hindi Olympiad (IHO)
- 16 students achieved success in the International Social Studies Olympiad (ISSO)
- 17 students stood out in the International Cyber Olympiad (ICO)

This remarkable achievement reflects the school's commitment to academic excellence and the students' unwavering efforts. PGKM celebrates each winner's success and wishes them even greater achievements in the future!

