

Durgotsav 2025

९ विचार ९ आचार- Celebrating Equality and Empowerment



Theme: Gender Equality through the Spirit of Navratri

Dates: 22nd September to 1st October 2025

This Navratri, the school celebrated “9 Vichar 9 Achar” - a unique initiative combining nine empowering thoughts with meaningful actions. This year, students stepped beyond rituals to explore the deeper meanings behind celebrations, embracing values that will guide them through life as compassionate, curious, and courageous individuals. Every day, various activities, workshops, storytelling sessions, and guest lectures were conducted right from Nursery up to Grade 9, engaging students across all sections in reflective and inspiring experiences.



Two Evenings of Dance and Devotion



Festive Beats and Joyful Steps

The Durgotsav Dandiya event was celebrated with great enthusiasm at PGKM School on Friday, 26th September 2025, and Saturday, 27th September 2025. The two-day celebration brought together students from Nursery to Grade 9 and their parents for an evening filled with music, dance, and festive cheer.

Guests were swept away by the rhythmic beats of the dhol and folk music, creating an electrifying and joyous atmosphere.



A Joyous Evening of Togetherness

The evenings were a perfect blend of fun, blessings, and musical celebration, where children, teachers, and parents participated with full energy and enthusiasm. The event not only strengthened the sense of community but also stood out as a truly memorable highlight of Durgotsav, radiating joy and togetherness throughout the celebration.



Live Streaming Experience

A camera live stream set-up with a large LED panel added a dynamic touch to the event. The system captured both key highlights and candid moments, showcasing them live on the LED screen. This real-time display created excitement among students and parents alike, making the entire experience more engaging and memorable.



Grade 6 & 7 – Seeding Future startups

Theme: Entrepreneurship in Action | Date: 26th & 27th September 2025

Grade 6 & 7 students turned into budding entrepreneurs during the Dandiya evening as they set up stalls for food, games, and artifacts. Through this initiative, they explored the world of business — right from planning and setting up their stalls to interacting with customers, handling sales, and calculating profits. A joyful blend of festivity and practical learning!



Grade 7 – Guest Lecture by Mr. Viresh Ganatra

Date: 23 September 2025

The students of Grade 7 had the privilege of attending an enlightening session with Mr. Viresh Ganatra, a renowned male mehndi artist. He shared his journey of pursuing his passion and breaking gender stereotypes in a field traditionally associated with women.



The students engaged actively, listening attentively and asking thoughtful questions. They gained valuable insights into dedication, creativity, and the importance of following one's dreams with confidence. This session inspired the students to understand that talent has no gender - passion and perseverance lead to success.



Grade 6 – Special Guest Lecture by Sayli Deo

Theme: Breaking Barriers, Lifting Dreams | Date: 24th September 2025

On Wednesday, 24th September 2025, Grade 6 students had the privilege of attending a special guest lecture by Sayli Deo, a national gold medalist in weightlifting. Known for shattering stereotypes in a sport traditionally dominated by men, she inspired the young learners with her remarkable journey. Sayli Deo shared insights into her daily routine, the importance of exercise, fitness, and nutrition, and the role of discipline in achieving success. She revealed that her weightlifting journey began at the age of 36, and today, at 50+, she continues to balance the roles of a fit athlete, working professional, and mother - truly proving that "Age is just a number".



Her story of managing family, work, and training left students deeply motivated. The interactive session saw enthusiastic participation, with students curiously asking questions about her experiences and challenges.

Sayli Deo's strength lies not only in lifting weights but also in lifting the barriers of gender bias, standing as a symbol of resilience and equality.



Grade 8 & 9 – Guest Lecture with Miss Sushma

Date: 25 September 2025

The students of Grades 8 and 9 had the privilege of interacting with Miss Sushma, an inspiring solo traveler. She shared her remarkable journey of exploring the world on her own and spoke about the unique experiences she gained along the way.

Miss Sushma also highlighted the hurdles she faced as a solo female traveler, breaking gender stereotypes and proving that courage and determination can overcome any obstacle. Through her stories, she encouraged students to believe in themselves, never give up, and pursue their dreams fearlessly.

The session left the students motivated and enriched with the valuable lesson that passion and perseverance open the doors to limitless possibilities.



Inspiring stories by Mr. Hemant Baliwalla

Date: 30th September 2025

PGKM School hosted a wonderful storytelling session by Mr. Hemant, an inspiring storyteller. He narrated the real-life stories of Arundhati Sinha a mountaineer and Mr. Vikas Khanna, the Michelin Star chef. Through these stories, students learned valuable life lessons - to never give up, to understand that ups and downs only make us stronger, and to always believe in our dreams. The session was engaging, motivating, and left every student with the spirit to chase their goals with determination.

Be inspired



स्त्री-पुरुष समानतेचा आदर्श – प्रेरणादायी कथाकथन सत्र

नवरात्रीच्या आठव्या माळेला स्त्री-पुरुष समानतेच्या मूल्यावर आधारित एक आठवणीत राहणारे कथाकथन सत्र आयोजित करण्यात आले. हे सत्र शाळेच्या संस्कृत शिक्षिका **सौ. मुक्ता मराठे** यांनी घेतले.

त्यांनी सोळाव्या शतकातील **वेणाबाई** यांची प्रेरणादायी कथा विद्यार्थ्यांसमोर मांडली. समर्थ रामदासांच्या आज्ञेवरून कीर्तन करणाऱ्या आणि मिरजेच्या मठाधिपती झालेल्या या बालविधवा कीर्तनकारिणी 'वेणास्वामी' यांनी त्या काळात समाजातील स्त्रीसाठी नवीन आदर्श निर्माण केला.

याच सत्रात सौ. मुक्ता मराठे यांनी आधुनिक काळातील प्रसिद्ध रांगोळी कलाकार श्री. रामदास चौंडे यांची कहाणीही विद्यार्थ्यांना कथारूपात सांगितली. दोन्ही कथा ऐकून विद्यार्थ्यांनी हा संदेश आत्मसात केला की दृढनिश्चय आणि कर्तृत्व लिंगावर अवलंबून नसते. स्त्री-पुरुष समानता ही केवळ विचारात नव्हे तर आचरणात आणण्याची गरज आहे, हे या सत्रातून विद्यार्थ्यांना प्रभावीपणे समजले.



Grade 3 – Cotton Vat Making Activity

Date: Monday, 29th September

Grade 3 students participated in a Cotton Vat Making Activity, learning the traditional art of crafting batti or jyot batti used in diyas and oil lamps. Using pure cotton, they hand-rolled long and round wicks, discovering their spiritual significance in rituals and festivals. The activity beautifully connected craft with culture, symbolizing light, purity, and devotion in Indian heritage.



Grade 4 – Panchamrit Making Activity

Date: Monday, 29th September

As part of the Durgotsav celebration, Grade 4 students participated in a Panchamrit Making Activity to learn its spiritual significance and importance as an offering to deities.

They discovered that Panchamrit, made of milk, curd, honey, sugar, and ghee, symbolizes purity, balance, sweetness, joy, and light. The activity beautifully connected students with the values of devotion and positivity in Indian tradition.



Grade 5 – Chandan Making Activity

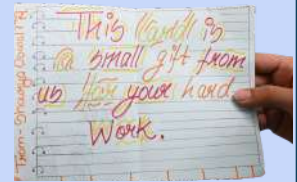
Date: Monday, 29th September

As part of the Durgotsav celebration, Grade 5 students participated in a Chandan Making Activity to learn about the process and significance of sandalwood (Chandan). Using a traditional chandan pata (grinding stone), students prepared sandalwood paste while understanding its religious, spiritual, and Ayurvedic importance.

They discovered how sandalwood is used in rituals, as offerings to deities, and as a tilak symbolizing purity and devotion. The activity also highlighted its cooling and calming properties, helping students connect tradition with wellness.



Grade 6 & 7 – Appreciation Card Activity Theme: Gratitude and Respect | Date: 28th September 2025



Students of Grade 6 and 7 participated in a heartfelt Appreciation Card Making Activity to express their gratitude towards the school's Maushis and Kakas for their constant care and support. With creativity and affection, the students designed beautiful cards filled with thank-you notes, drawings, and kind messages, acknowledging the efforts of those who help maintain cleanliness and comfort in their daily school life. The activity encouraged students to value every helping hand and reinforced the importance of respect, empathy, and gratitude in everyday interactions.



Grade 7-9 – Poster Making Activity on Gender Equality



Theme: Gender Equality Awareness | Date: 23.09.2025

Students of Grade 7 to 9 participated in a Poster Making Activity to raise awareness about gender equality and its importance in today's society. Through creative visuals and messages, students expressed ideas promoting equal opportunities, respect, and empowerment for all genders. The activity encouraged them to reflect on societal norms and imagine a world where gender does not limit one's potential. This hands-on exercise not only showcased the students' artistic talents but also reinforced the values of fairness, inclusivity, and equality in their daily lives.

GENDER

EQUALITY

Festival & it's Mythological Story tales

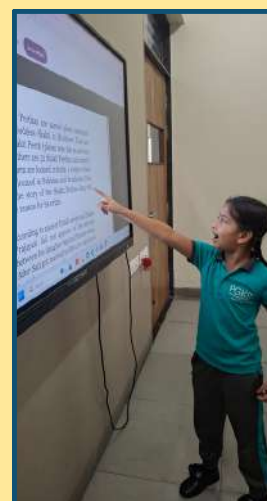
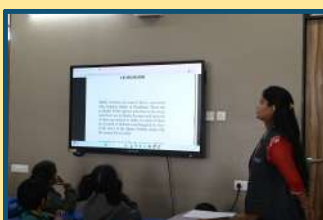
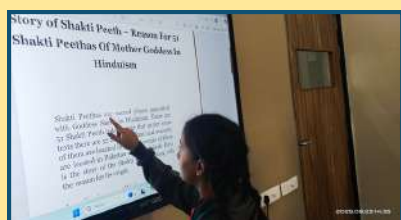
Theme: Mythological Tales and Life Lessons | Date: 24th September 2025

On Wednesday, 24th September 2025, PGKM School conducted an engaging storytelling session for Grades 1 to 5. Each grade listened to a mythological tale suited to their level, helping them connect cultural stories with meaningful life lessons.

Grade 1 learned about Rama's victory over Ravana, understanding that good always triumphs over evil.

Grade 2 heard Goddess Durga's battle with Mahishasura, reflecting on perseverance and inner strength.

Grades 3-5 explored the legend of the 51 Shaktipeethas, deepening respect for sacred traditions and the divine feminine.



Learning Outcomes:

- Understood the moral essence of good over evil and the power of faith.
- Recognized the cultural and spiritual importance of mythological tales.
- Cultivated values of courage, honesty, respect, and perseverance.

Instilling Scientific Temperament

Theme: Nature and Responsibility

Date: 22nd – 30th September 2025

As part of the Durgotsav celebration, students from Nursery to Grade 5 participated in a 9-day Germination Activity. They planted moong, wheat, or mustard seeds, watered them daily, observed their growth, and recorded their observations through drawings and notes. Guided by their teachers, the children were excited to see roots and green shoots emerge, experiencing the joy of nurturing life.



Learning Outcomes:

- Developed patience, care, and responsibility.
- Gained hands-on understanding of plant growth and germination.
- Fostered observational skills and appreciation for nature.



Yoga & Meditation

Yoga & Meditation Sessions for Grades 1 to 9

Theme: Holistic Wellbeing | Date: 23rd September to 26th September

Yoga and meditation sessions were conducted for students from Grades 1 to 9 to promote physical health, mental clarity, and emotional balance.

During these sessions, students practiced basic yoga postures, breathing techniques, and mindfulness exercises, helping them improve flexibility, concentration, and inner calm. The activities encouraged students to connect with their body and mind, fostering a sense of wellbeing and positivity.

These sessions not only emphasized the importance of a healthy lifestyle but also instilled habits that contribute to stress management and overall holistic development.



Budgeting and Beyond: A Practical Learning Session

Theme: Entrepreneurship in Action | Date: 23.09.2025

An interactive session was conducted on creating a business plan for the upcoming Durgotsav stalls, where students stepped into the role of entrepreneurs. During the session, we shared real-life examples of business and explained important concepts such as cost price, selling price, expenses, and profit calculation. Students also learned about the different aspects of starting a business and the key factors that contribute to its success.



The students were provided with a structured form where they recorded details such as their stall name, group members, products, cost and selling prices, and estimated quantities. Throughout the activity, teachers and the admin team guided the students, ensuring that they understood each step of the process.

This interactive session not only gave students hands-on exposure to entrepreneurship but also helped them gain clarity about how businesses operate, making the learning both practical and engaging.





Theme: Values and Gratitude | Date: 1st October 2025

Khande Navami, celebrated on Wednesday, 1st October 2025, marked the grand finale of this year's Durgotsav. The day focused on nurturing spiritual values, respect for personal belongings, and appreciation for teachers among students.

The youngest learners from Nursery performed the Saraswati Pooja, seeking blessings for knowledge and wisdom. Students from Grades 1 to 9 actively cleaned and arranged books, tidied lockers, and performed pooja of their classroom spaces. They applied tilak and kumkum on whiteboards and decorated classroom doors with self-made torans, fostering pride and responsibility towards their belongings.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Respect for belongings and shared spaces.
2. Gratitude and appreciation for teachers and peers.
3. Discipline, responsibility, and care.
4. Teamwork and collaboration.
5. Mindfulness and pride in the environment.



Honouring Mavshis and Didis with Gratitude

In a gesture of respect and gratitude, students presented handmade cards and flowers to their teachers (Mavshis/didis), celebrating discipline, care, and reverence while reinforcing the spirit of gratitude and togetherness that defines Durgotsav.



Creative Workshop Promoting Gender Equality

On Friday, 26th September 2025, a vibrant workshop for grade 6 to 9, was conducted to enhance creativity and promote the theme of gender equality during Durgotsav. The workshop brought together groups of boys and girls, encouraging collaboration and shared learning through a variety of engaging activities. Each activity fostered creativity, confidence, and equality—reminding students that art and learning transcend gender boundaries.

Students enthusiastically participated in multiple hands-on session

Aarti Thali Decoration: Students adorned traditional thalis with creativity, blending devotion with design.



Rangoli Making: Vibrant rangolis filled the campus with colors of joy and celebration.



Mehndi Design: Intricate mehndi patterns showcased the students' artistic flair and precision.



Clay Jewellery Crafting: Young artisans shaped beautiful clay ornaments, turning imagination into art.



Garba and Dandiya Workshops: Energetic sessions where students danced, learned rhythm, and enjoyed.



Mask Making: Creative masks reflected self-expression and playful artistry.



Puppet Making: Students brought stories to life through colorful handmade puppets.



Dress Designing: Budding designers explored fashion by sketching and crafting their own dress ideas.



Tattoo Making: Students expressed their creativity through tattoo designs, blending art with imagination.



Envelope Making: Creatively designed festive envelopes with color and care.



Dandiya Making: Decorated colorful dandiya with unique personal flair.



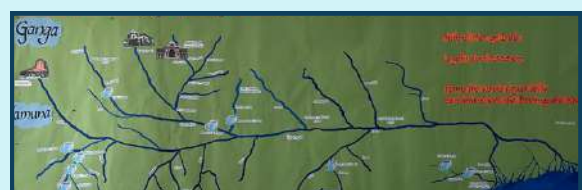
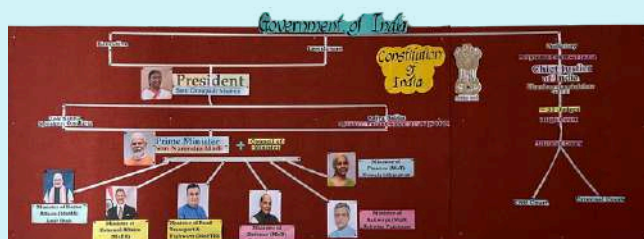
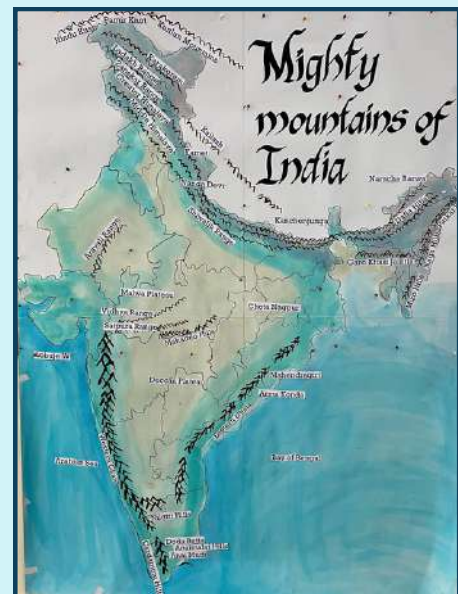
WALL EDUCATORS

LEARNING BEYOND CLASSROOM

WALL Educators is an exciting new initiative introduced by PGKM School to encourage learning beyond traditional classrooms. The concept transforms school corridors and walls into vibrant spaces of knowledge and creativity.

Each month, a new theme is selected to spark curiosity and deepen understanding among students. For this month, the theme 'Bharat' was explored in depth. Every floor featured thoughtfully designed interactive charts and displays highlighting different aspects of India — including its rich history, diverse geography, political landscape, and cultural heritage.

This initiative aims to make learning a continuous and visual experience, allowing students to absorb information in an engaging and inspiring environment. By turning walls into educators, PGKM School continues to promote curiosity, creativity, and lifelong learning among its students.





Teacher's Day Celebration – Honoring Excellence in Education | Date - 5th September 2025

Every year, The PGK Mandal celebrates Teacher's Day by recognizing and honoring the Best Teachers from its institutions for their outstanding contribution to education.

This year, PGKM School takes immense pride in receiving four prestigious awards across different sections, celebrating the hard work, dedication, and passion of its educators.



PGKM Teachers Honoured on Teacher's Day

- **Mrs. Neelam Gundechha** – Pre-Primary Section (Ramanlal T. Shah Award)
- **Mrs. Manik Sudame** – Primary Section (Jairaj Group Award)
- **Mrs. Abhilasha Jain** – Secondary Section (Vallabhbhai Lalji Patel Award)
- **Mrs. Neha Joshi** – Admin Team Recognition



Heartiest congratulations to all the awardees for their unwavering commitment and excellence!
As the saying goes, "A teacher's influence extends beyond classrooms, shaping lives forever."



Diwali CARNIVAL



Diwali Carnival Lights Up PGKM with Joy and Creativity | 16th October 2025

After the examinations, PGKM School buzzed with excitement as students celebrated a vibrant Diwali Carnival filled with joy and creativity. The event featured a wide range of hands-on activities such as Killa Making, Diwali Faral Making, Diya Holder with Lippan Art, Soap Making, Toran Making, Wall Hanging, Paper Bag Making, Hand Embroidery, Diya Stand with Newspaper, Rangoli, Envelope Crafting, Diya Craft Hanging, Card Making, and Lantern Making.





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Each activity allowed students to express their imagination, explore traditional crafts, and experience the joy of creating something unique. The carnival beautifully combined fun with learning, encouraging teamwork, patience, and eco-friendly practices.

Filled with laughter, colors, and festive cheer, the Diwali Carnival truly captured the spirit of togetherness and celebration, making it a memorable and enriching experience for every student.



Soap Making: A Blend of Creativity and Chemistry

This Diwali, our young scientists turned into creative chemists as they explored two fascinating ways of making soap, blending art, science, and celebration!

1. Melt and Pour process - students began by cutting and melting pre-made soap bases using the double boiling technique.

They added their own magical touch with vibrant colors, sweet fragrances like sandalwood and mogra, and a sprinkle of shimmer - creating festive soaps that looked and smelled like Diwali itself!

Each soap was poured into unique molds, from flowers to octagons, and watching them set into colorful, fragrant creations was pure joy!



2. Saponification - 8th & 9th grade students dived deeper into the real chemistry of soap making. Using simple ingredients like vegetable oil and alkali, they witnessed how a basic reaction could create something so useful. From mixing and heating to testing their soaps with litmus paper, every step was a moment of wonder and discovery.



Grade 6 Industrial Visit – Sahyadri Industries Limited, Pune

Exploring Real-world Manufacturing Processes and Innovation |

Date : 03/09/25

A factory visit to Sahyadri Industries Limited, Chinchwad, Pune, was successfully organized to give students practical exposure to industrial manufacturing processes. The company makes Eco Pro Multi-Use Fibre Cement Boards, which are widely used in construction and interiors.



The visit started with a warm welcome by Mr. Vilas Kulkarni and his team. Students were taken to a mandap made with Eco Pro boards, where the program began with a traditional Ganapati Aarti followed by the recitation of the Atharvashirsha Pathan.

Later, the team guided the students through the factory and showed the complete manufacturing process of the boards. The explanations were given in a very simple way with real-life examples, making it easy for the students to understand.



Students learnt that these boards are eco-friendly, lightweight, heat and fire resistant, moisture and termite resistant and provide cool and comfortable living. They can be easily cut or drilled with normal carpenter tools, are strong and long-lasting, and yet affordable, making them suitable even for middle-class families. Eco Pro also supplies to many multinational companies worldwide.

The hospitality of the Sahyadri team made the visit even more special. The tasty poha served was enjoyed by all and the thoughtful return gifts brought extra happiness to the students.

The students showed great enthusiasm, asked interesting questions and gained valuable knowledge about real-world factory work.

Overall, the visit was a wonderful blend of learning, culture and care, giving students a truly memorable experience and inspiring them on their journey towards entrepreneurship.



Gaining Insight into Modern Manufacturing Processes

Date : 04/09/25

A factory visit to Western India Limited, located at Hadapsar, Pune, was successfully organized with the objective of providing students with practical exposure to industrial manufacturing processes. The company specializes in the production of aluminium slugs, a key raw material used in various industrial applications.



The visit commenced with a traditional Ganapati Aarti, followed by the recitation of the Atharvashirsha Pathan, setting a respectful and auspicious tone for the day.

Following the inauguration, the students were divided into groups of seven to facilitate effective interaction and smooth coordination during the visit. Each group was accompanied by a knowledgeable guide from the company who provided a comprehensive walkthrough of the manufacturing unit.

The guided tour covered all major stages of production, including:

- Raw material preparation
- Slug formation and extrusion
- Heat treatment processes
- Quality inspection and testing
- Final packaging and dispatch



At each stage, the process was thoroughly explained by the factory personnel, enabling students to understand the technical and operational aspects involved in aluminium slug manufacturing. The live demonstrations and real-time operations significantly enriched the learning experience.

The students showed great enthusiasm and interest throughout the visit and actively engaged with the guides by asking relevant questions. The visit proved to be highly informative and provided valuable insights into real-world industrial practices.

This factory visit successfully bridged the gap between theoretical knowledge and industrial application, thereby contributing to the overall academic and professional development of the participating students.





Learning through Real-world Industry Experience | Date : 02/09/25

PGKM School's Grade 6 students participated in a special initiative on the occasion of Ganeshotsav with a field visit to Cosmos Construction Machineries and Equipment Pvt. Ltd., Chakan, Pune. This visit was organized under the school's vision of integrating traditional values with professional education.

The program began with students offering prayers to Lord Ganesha, followed by the collective recitation of Atharvashirsha 111 times in front of the idol. After the spiritual beginning, the students toured the entire factory and explored the advanced machinery and tools used in construction. Mr. Bhat, an engineer at the company, explained the process of making aluminum formwork used in building construction. He highlighted its advantages such as time efficiency, strength, precision, and durability, providing students with valuable insights into modern engineering practices. Students actively interacted with him, asking thoughtful questions, all of which were answered in detail. This educational visit not only enriched the students' knowledge but also boosted their confidence and ignited inspiration to innovate. It truly marked the beginning of PGKM School's dream – "Nurturing tomorrow's future entrepreneurs."



Student Reviews

The trip to the Sahyadri factory

Our school took us to a factory named Sahyadri factory they made cement fibre sheets. So when we went there first we clicked photos and then the sir told us information which was so easy to understand and then we went to the ganpati mandir and we told Atharvashirsha 4 times means we 26 children told 108 times. I was lucky that I did the work. Then I was so excited to go in the factory and look those machines and all. So after 5 mins we went in the factory and saw those amazing machines and I saw how nice the people were doing to make the cement fibre sheet. Then we asked them some question they answered it. Then while we were going from the factory a big sound came of shouting we all got scared then the sir said don't get scared it's just an alarm. Then we went to the canteen and ate the delicious poha. We went in a room and there also we asked

Topic
My visit to a factory

Hello! My name is Pallavi Gupta. I studied in 6th C and my Roll no is 19. We went to a factory named Sahyadri factory in Pimpri chinchwad in a bus, so in the bus I did so much fun with my friends. We played many games. When we were reaching there we revised the Atharvashirsha one more time. When we reached to the factory one uncle there explained how they made and where it can be used then we said Atharvashirsha 4 times and did Aarthen we got Prasad. When we were going in they gave us mask for our safety then we went inside we saw many things from which they made one sheet so there were so many machines to make so many sheets. One machine was rolling the paste and then they cut it into sizes the customers wanted then they roasted the thick paste so like this the sheets were made and then we came outside. We at

Suggestions and experience of factory visit

In bus we played antakshori and atlas with singing songs. Pradnya maam took us in the factory named COSMOS where we said Atharvashirsha for 5 times in front of Ganesh frame. Afterwards a uncle came and showed us the factory. afterwards an another uncle came named P. J. Bhatl who said us that he is civil engineer working in cosmos for last 23 years. He explained us how a steel or Aluminium is used while making building. Afterwards we eat delicious food in near by canteen and ended our trip.



Design Your World in 3D

Theme: Exploring Dimensions through Creativity | Date: Friday, 20th September 2025

Theme: Understanding 2D vs 3D | Date: 20th September

A creative and interactive 3D Pen Designing session was conducted for the students of Grade 6 and 7, introducing them to the fascinating world of three-dimensional design. The session began with an engaging discussion on the concept of 2D vs 3D, helping students understand the difference between flat and volumetric forms in a simple and relatable way.

To make the learning more experiential, students first created paper cubes to visualize how 2D shapes transform into 3D structures. They then used 3D pens to design and construct imaginative objects such as alphabets, geometric shapes, gingerbread figures, and ice cream models. The activity encouraged students to think creatively while applying basic principles of design and spatial understanding.

The session was filled with enthusiasm, curiosity, and innovation as students explored how technology and creativity blend together to bring ideas to life.



Learning Outcomes

- Understood the difference between 2D and 3D concepts through visual and practical examples.
- Learned to translate flat drawings into three-dimensional forms.
- Gained exposure to basic design thinking and creative problem-solving techniques



Skills Developed

- Creativity and Imagination
- Spatial Awareness and Visualization
- Fine Motor Skills
- Design and Innovation Thinking
- Collaboration and Communication through peer learning and idea sharing



The Life Pump: Blood in Motion



Grade 6 & 7 – Sankalpna Session: Blood Circulation & Healthy Eating

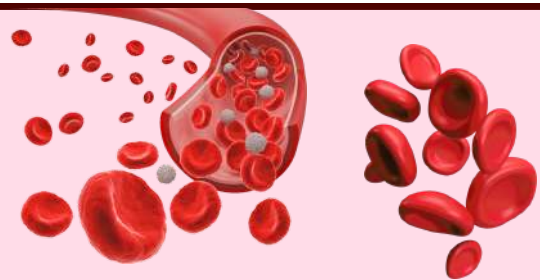
Date: 13th September 2025

A Sankalpna session on Blood Circulation was conducted for Grade 6 and 7 students to explore how blood flows through the human body. The session included discussions and interactive games like “Healthy Heart Race”, helping students understand the roles of the heart, arteries, veins, and capillaries while encouraging creativity and teamwork.

Students also participated in a healthy eating activity, rating food items like fruits, biscuits, and chocolates using smiley rubrics to identify sugar content. This fun activity promoted awareness of balanced diets and reflective eating habits.

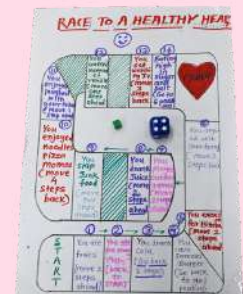
Learning Outcomes

- Gained a clear understanding of blood circulation and the function of the heart, veins, arteries, and capillaries.
- Developed awareness about sugar content in common foods and the impact on health.
- Connected scientific concepts to everyday life.



Skills Developed

- Scientific Curiosity and Conceptual Understanding
- Observation and Analytical Skills
- Creativity and Imaginative Expression
- Teamwork and Collaboration
- Healthy Lifestyle Awareness





Listen to Hear Well



Grade 6 & 7 – A Journey into Sound Energy | Date: 4th October 2025

A Sankalpna session was conducted by Ms. Tanya Sawant for Grades 6 and 7 on the topic “Sound as a Form of Energy.” The session aimed to help students explore the science of sound through engaging demonstrations and hands-on activities.

Students were introduced to various kinds of sounds to differentiate between pleasant and unpleasant ones. Mythological references were shared to explain the origin of musical instruments and the cultural essence of music. They also discussed the absence of sound in space, deepening their understanding of sound transmission.

Hands-On Learning

In the laboratory, students participated in interactive experiments:

1. **Tuning Fork Experiment:** Demonstrated how vibrations create sound using a tuning fork and a water-filled china dish.
2. **Beaker Experiment:** Showed how sound frequency changes with varying air column lengths, using beakers filled with different water levels.
3. **Straw Flutes Activity:** Students created straw and pan flutes to observe how air holes and flute length affect pitch and tone.



Learning Outcomes

- Understood sound as a form of energy that travels through vibrations.
- Observed how pitch and frequency vary with changes in air column length.
- Gained awareness of sound's absence in space and its connection to air and vibrations



Skills Developed

- Scientific observation and experimentation
- Critical thinking and reasoning
- Creativity and hands-on learning
- Collaborative learning and communication





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Wonders of Space



Exploring the Wonders of Space: A Joyful Reading Session

The reading session brought joy and excitement as students eagerly explored fascinating facts about different planets.

The session began with a 15-minute discussion on the theme of space, sparking curiosity and enthusiasm among the learners. Following this, students sat together in a circle to play a fun and engaging riddle game titled “Antariksh Yatra.” The game not only entertained them but also helped strengthen their understanding of space through interactive learning.

After the game, students received books related to space and planets. They read attentively and later shared interesting and thoughtful information they discovered with their peers.



The session proved to be an enjoyable and enriching experience, inspiring young minds to look beyond the Earth and delve deeper into the mysteries of the universe.





Kavya Katta: Discovering Freedom through Poetry | Date: 11th September 2025



The Kavya Katta session for Grades 6 and 7 was held on 11th September 2025 on the school turf, led by Dr. Srujana Acharya. She presented an English translation of Rabindranath Tagore's poem "Where the Mind is Without Fear."

The session began with a short quiz on Tagore's life, followed by a discussion connecting his vision of freedom with students' own ideas of peace, happiness, and free learning. It concluded with a collective recitation and student interpretations of the poem.

A total of 110 students participated, making the session a thoughtful and inspiring literary experience.

काव्य कट्टा में झलकी हिंदी की मधुर ध्वनि | १४ सितंबर

१४ सितंबर को मनाए गए हिंदी दिवस के उपलक्ष्य में PGKM विद्याधाम में १८ सितंबर को काव्य कट्टा का आयोजन हुआ। कार्यक्रम में कक्षा ६ से ९ तक के १२० छात्रों ने उत्साहपूर्वक भाग लिया।

विद्यार्थियों ने प्रकृति, भक्ति, मित्रता और हिंदी भाषा पर अपनी स्वरचित कविताएँ आत्मविश्वास के साथ प्रस्तुत कीं। कविताओं ने वातावरण को साहित्यिक और भावनात्मक रंगों से भर दिया।

“हाथों की शोभा लाली से,
भोजन की शोभा थाली से,
काव्य कट्टा की शोभा हिंदी कविताओं से।”



Kavya Katta: A Tribute through Poetry | Date: 25th September 2025

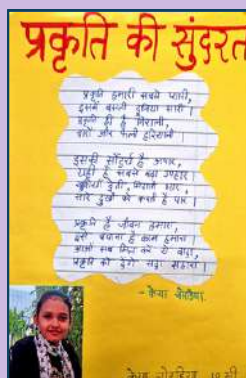


Another captivating Kavya Katta session was held on 25th September 2025, led by Mrs. Arya Niringkar.

The poem of the day, "O Captain! My Captain!" by Walt Whitman, was chosen for its deep historical and emotional significance. The poem reflects the sorrow over the tragic assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, reimagined as a victorious ship returning with its fallen captain.

A subtle background score added depth to the rendition, allowing students to feel the poem's poignancy. Immersed in the experience, the students connected deeply with Whitman's emotions, making the session both reflective and memorable.

The Voice of PGKM's Young Poets



PGKM Under-14 Girls Basketball Team Shines with Consecutive Wins

The Under-14 Girls Basketball Team of PGKM School has demonstrated exceptional skill, determination, and teamwork with two consecutive victories in the ongoing Zilla Parishad-level inter-school basketball tournament. In the 2nd round, PGKM faced Indo Scots Global School and delivered a stellar performance marked by sharp coordination, quick passes, and solid defence, clinching a well-deserved win.

Building on that momentum, the team met St. Ann's School in the 3rd round. Despite strong competition, PGKM's players showcased composure under pressure, combining accurate shooting and smart strategy to secure another impressive victory.

These back-to-back wins reflect the team's hard work, discipline, and the guidance of their dedicated coaches. PGKM School congratulates the Under-14 Girls Team and wishes them continued success in the tournament.



PGKM Under-14 Boys Display Grit and Sportsmanship on the Court

The Under-14 Boys Basketball Team of PGKM School showcased commendable determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship in the Zilla Parishad-level basketball matches.

Facing strong competition in their opening game, the boys played with heart and focus, displaying disciplined defence and moments of impressive skill. Though they narrowly missed a win, their spirited performance reflected true dedication and teamwork.

The match served as a valuable learning experience, motivating the players to refine their game and return even stronger in future tournaments.

PGKM School applauds the Under-14 Boys Team for their relentless effort, positive attitude, and passion for basketball, and looks forward to their continued growth and success on the court.



Under-17 Girls Shine with Skill and Spirit in Zilla Parishad Tournament



The Under-17 Girls Basketball Team of PGKM School showcased remarkable resilience, skill, and teamwork in the Zilla Parishad-level basketball tournament, advancing through competitive rounds with confidence and determination.

In the 2nd round, PGKM triumphed over Helios International School with excellent coordination, tight defence, and strategic gameplay. The momentum continued in the 3rd round, where the team defeated Poona Women's Council English Medium School through sharp shooting and composed decision-making under pressure.

In the 4th round (Pre-Quarter Final), PGKM faced The Knowledge Habitat School in a closely contested match. Despite their strong effort and flashes of brilliance, the game concluded in favor of the opponent.

Though their journey ended at the pre-quarterfinal stage, the Under-17 Girls earned admiration for their grit, teamwork, and sportsmanship. The experience has strengthened their resolve to train harder and return even stronger in future tournaments.

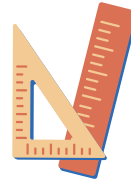


Under-17 Boys Showcase Spirit and Sportsmanship in Zilla Parishad Tournament

The Under-17 Boys Basketball Team of PGKM School displayed remarkable energy, enthusiasm, and a strong competitive spirit in the Zilla Parishad-level basketball tournament.

In their first match, the team faced a challenging opponent and, despite demonstrating solid teamwork and moments of skillful play, the game ended in a loss for PGKM. The boys played with determination and sportsmanship, giving their best effort until the final whistle.

Though the result didn't go their way, the experience proved invaluable, offering key lessons and motivation to refine their game. PGKM School commends the Under-17 Boys for their dedication and fighting spirit and looks forward to their continued growth in future tournaments.



Nursery - Play, Create & Learn

The little learners at PGKM engaged in a series of exciting, hands-on activities designed to boost creativity, coordination, and critical thinking. From Creative Pattern Making with colorful beads and blocks, to Place Zenga on Rectangle for enhancing spatial awareness, and the delightful Fruit Lacing Activity that strengthened fine motor skills — every session brought joy and learning together.

Through these playful explorations, children developed early concepts of design, geometry, and pattern recognition while enjoying the process of learning through fun and imagination.



Junior KG – Fun with Animals

The Jr. KG students enjoyed two exciting activities - “Guess the Animal” and “Rescue the Animal.” In the first, they used a torch to identify farm animals through their shadows, sparking curiosity and imagination.

In the second, children carefully rescued toy animals from mud, learning about kindness, care, and teamwork through playful exploration. Both activities blended fun and learning, leaving the little ones thrilled and proud of their efforts.



Senior KG – Journey of Milk

The Senior KG students participated in a fun and educational role-play activity on the theme “Journey of Milk.” The activity helped children understand how milk travels from the cow to our homes through different stages — from milking the cow, collecting and transporting it, processing in the factory, selling at the dairy shop, to boiling and drinking at home.

Each child played a unique role - farmer, milkman, factory worker, shopkeeper, mother, or child — making the session lively and interactive. The activity not only highlighted the importance of milk in daily life but also fostered teamwork, observation, and experiential learning in an engaging way.



Grade 1 – Healthy and Unhealthy Food Activity

The Grade 1 students participated in an interactive Healthy and Unhealthy Food activity that helped them understand the importance of making good food choices. A variety of food items were displayed on a table along with two trays labeled 'Healthy' and 'Unhealthy.'

Two students came forward at a time to identify and place each item in the correct tray. The hands-on activity made learning fun and engaging while reinforcing awareness about balanced eating habits and the difference between nutritious and junk food.



Grade 2 – Describing Noun Activity

The Grade 2 students participated in a fun and creative adjective activity titled "Describing Nouns." Each child received a cloud cutout and described a given noun - Name, Place, Animal, or Thing using suitable adjectives. They decorated their clouds beautifully and attached colorful strips with descriptive words. The classroom turned lively and vibrant as students discovered how adjectives make language more expressive and interesting, combining creativity with learning.



Pattern Bookmark Activity



The Grade 2 students enjoyed a creative and engaging Pattern Bookmark Activity, where they combined art with mathematics. Each student designed their own bookmark by cutting geometric shapes from colorful paper and arranging them into unique patterns and designs.

The activity encouraged exploration of shapes, patterns, and symmetry while allowing students to express their artistic imagination. The beautifully crafted bookmarks reflected a perfect blend of math and creativity.



Grade 3 – Observation of Seed Germination

The Grade 3 students explored the fascinating journey of seed germination in their Environmental Studies class. Starting with a small seed, they provided water and warmth and carefully observed its growth over time.

Students watched the root emerge first, anchoring the seed and absorbing water, followed by the shoot growing upward toward the light to form the stem. Finally, tiny leaves unfurled, beginning the process of food-making. This hands-on activity helped students identify the root, stem, and leaves, understand their functions, and connect the development of a tiny seed to a fully formed plant.

Through this observation, students enhanced their recording and observation skills while seeing the “Parts of Plants” chapter come alive in a fun and engaging way.



कक्षा ३ - हिंदी हृदय सप्ताह

तारीख: १५ से १९ सितंबर २०२५

कक्षा ३ से ५ के छात्रों ने हिंदी हृदय सप्ताह में उत्साहपूर्वक भाग लिया और विभिन्न रोचक एवं शैक्षिक गतिविधियों में हिस्सा लिया। उन्होंने हृदय की जानकारी समझी, भाषण प्रस्तुत किए और शब्द खेलों के माध्यम से शब्दसंपदा और अभिव्यक्ति कौशल को बढ़ाया।

मुख्य गतिविधियों में कथाकथन, लेखन अभ्यास, शब्दों की अन्ताक्षरी, वन मिनट शो (शब्द निर्माण), और कविता पाठ शामिल थे। इन गतिविधियों के माध्यम से छात्रों ने भाषा में पकड़ मजबूत की, शब्द ज्ञान बढ़ाया और अपनी रचनात्मक प्रतिभा का प्रदर्शन किया।

Grade 4 – Handprint Earth Mural

The Grade 4 students engaged in a creative Handprint Earth Mural activity in their Environmental Studies class, aimed at fostering awareness about caring for our planet. Each child dipped their hands in green and blue paint and added handprints around a circular Earth outline, representing land and water.

While creating the mural, students discussed ways to protect the environment—saving water, planting trees, and reducing waste—and wrote short slogans like “Save Earth, Save Life” and “Our Planet, Our Responsibility”. This activity blended art with environmental education, encouraging teamwork, creativity, and a deeper understanding of ecological balance and sustainability.



Grade 5 – Sun, Moon and Planets

As part of the EVS topic “Sun, Moon and Planets,” an engaging activity titled “Knowing Your Own Constellation” was conducted for Grade 5 students. The session helped children discover their Zodiac signs and learn about the constellations related to them.

The activity encouraged students to explore beyond the textbook, sparking curiosity about the night sky. Their excitement and interest made the learning memorable, ensuring they will always remember their constellation and its unique structure.



Grade 6 – Skit on the Three Organs of Government

The Grade 6 students recently presented an engaging skit showcasing the three organs of government: Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary. Through their performance, they creatively explained the roles and responsibilities of each organ and how they work together to maintain balance in a democracy.

The skit beautifully reflected the students' understanding of democratic principles, along with their teamwork, confidence, and communication skills, making learning both meaningful and memorable.



Grade 7 - संस्कृत लट् लकारः - आत्मनेपद उपक्रम

संस्कृत लट् लकार (वर्तमानकाळ) आत्मनेपद या व्याकरणाच्या घटकावर १० सप्टेंबर २०२५ रोजी इयत्ता ७ वीच्या विद्यार्थ्यांचा छोटासा उपक्रम घेण्यात आला. या उपक्रमामध्ये विद्यार्थ्यांचे गट तयार केले गेले. प्रत्येक गटाला एकेका क्रियापदाच्या रूपांच्या चिठ्ठ्या दिल्या व त्या चिठ्ठ्या योग्य क्रमाने विद्यार्थ्यांना जोडण्यास सांगितले. विद्यार्थ्यांनी एकमेकांच्या मदतीने त्या चिठ्ठ्या लट् लकार (वर्तमानकाळ) आत्मनेपदाच्या प्रत्ययाप्रमाणे बिनचूक जोडल्या.

वरील उपक्रमातून विद्यार्थ्यांचा आत्मनेपद लकाराच्या प्रत्ययांचा सराव आणि अभ्यास झाला. या उपक्रमाद्वारे विद्यार्थ्यांना वचनांची व पुरुषांची ओळख झाली. तसेच लट् लकार परस्मैपद आणि आत्मनेपद या दोन लकारांमधील फरक विद्यार्थ्यांना समजला.



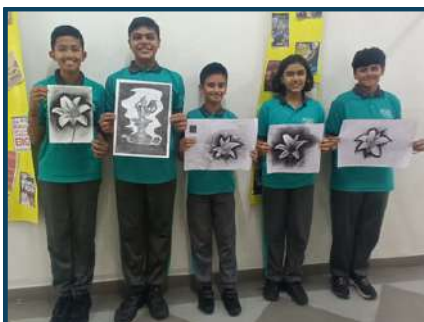
Grade 8 – Art Integrated Activity: Charcoal Sketching

Theme: Science and Art Integration | Date: Wednesday, 10th September 2025

To nurture creativity and artistic expression, an Art Integrated Activity on Charcoal Sketching was conducted for Grade 8, blending fine arts with the subject of Science.

Students enthusiastically created charcoal sketches that showcased imagination, observation, and sensitivity. Through this hands-on experience, they learned the technique of charcoal sketching and understood how shades of black and white add depth and life to artwork.

The activity also helped students develop patience, concentration, and attention to detail, while appreciating coal as a natural resource and the need for its conservation. The displayed sketches highlighted the hidden artistic talents of the young learners, making learning truly joyful and holistic.



Grade 9 - हिंदी दिवस समारोह | दिनांक: 17 सितंबर 2025

हमारे विद्यालय में 17 सितंबर 2025 को हिंदी दिवस बड़े हर्ष और उत्साह के साथ मनाया गया। इस अवसर पर बच्चों ने अपने उत्साह और प्रतिभा से कार्यक्रम को यादगार बना दिया। पूरे सभागार को छात्रों ने स्वयं पोस्टरों और फूलों से सजाया, जिससे वातावरण में उत्सव का माहौल छा गया।



कार्यक्रम में बच्चों ने मंच संचालन बड़े आत्मविश्वास के साथ किया। एक हास्य नाटक प्रस्तुत किया गया जिसने सभी को खूब हँसाया और हिंदी की सरलता व अपनत्व को मनोरंजक ढंग से प्रदर्शित किया। इसके साथ ही, छात्रों ने हिंदी भाषा के महत्व पर प्रभावशाली भाषण दिए और स्वयं लिखी कविताओं के माध्यम से हिंदी की मधुरता और साहित्यिक सौंदर्य को सुंदरता से प्रस्तुत किया। पूरे आयोजन में छात्रों की रचनात्मकता, आत्मविश्वास और हिंदी के प्रति प्रेम स्पष्ट रूप से झलक रहा था। इस प्रकार हिंदी दिवस समारोह सभी के लिए प्रेरणादायक और अविस्मरणीय अनुभव बन गया।



Professional Development Workshop by Britannica



Professional Development Workshop – Developing Curiosity Amongst Learners

Date: Saturday, 13th September 2025 | Organized by: Britannica

A Professional Development Workshop on “Developing Curiosity Amongst Learners” was conducted by Ms. Vandana Arora, a passionate educator with over 25 years of experience in curating creative pedagogical approaches for teaching Humanities. A Cambridge School Mentor to leaders, she emphasized building a holistic learning approach that prepares students for the future.

The session focused on helping teachers:

- Develop curiosity and inquiry-based thinking in learners.
- Structure and sequence questions that stimulate curiosity.
- Use effective questioning to assess understanding and guide learning.
- Foster an inclusive classroom environment where students confidently express and explore ideas.

