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EDITORIAL NOTE

You Are Simply Sun-sational!

Radiating its light on every page, the sun becomes the golden thread connecting the stories in this issue. On our cover, the half-sun leaves us wondering—is it rising to herald a new day or setting to mark a heartfelt goodbye? Perhaps, it is both.

Like the rising sun, our institution continues to blaze its own trail, turning aspirations into achievements and creating opportunities for talent to discover its true brilliance. Thirteen years of being recognised as the Best School stand as a testament to this journey—one fuelled by the courage to dream, the tenacity to persevere and the spirit to keep breaking new ground. The deep green reflects this flourishing growth, while the endless cream horizon reminds us that our possibilities are limitless.

And then, there is the setting sun—a gentle reminder that some journeys, however meaningful, must draw to a close. As we bid farewell to a valued teacher, we celebrate not an ending, but a contribution that remains part of our story. For every sunset holds the promise of another sunrise, and every goodbye leaves room for the warmth of reunion.

For true brilliance lies not just in how brightly we shine, but in the light we leave behind.

ACHIEVEMENTS

13 Years of Unbroken Excellence

Our school proudly secured the prestigious Best School Title for the 13th consecutive year at the 54th S Ward Science Exhibition, held from 13th to 15th October, emerging as the top-performing school among 79 schools in S Ward.

Of the 54 schools that presented projects, our students won awards in 11 of the 12 categories, showcasing their scientific acumen and creativity.

The school won a total 33 awards across competitions held from August to October, including 22 in cultural competitions and 11 at the Science Exhibition.

This remarkable accomplishment reflects our students' versatility, innovation and sustained excellence across diverse fields.

Congratulations to all!



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The award tally is as follows:

SNo.	Date	Name of the competition	Category	Winners	Position
1	18/08/26	Folk Dance	V to VII	Navya Gaikwad	Second
				Viksha Shetty	
				Spruha Rai	
				Sanvi Ambre	
				Aaradhya Shetty	
				Shruta Poojari	
				Bhoomi Lokhande	
				Sia Shetty	
				Dia Bapna	
				Adhaya Shetty	
				Hani Thakur	
				Hirva Kubawat	
2	19/08/26	Elocution	V - VII	Rashi Rahul Nale	Third
			VIII - X	Devika Dinak Kumar	First
			Teacher	Reena Poojari	Third
3	21/8/26	Instrumental Music	V - VII	Sharanya Hegde (Harmonium)	Second
			VIII - X	Vyas Kashid (Flute)	Second
			XI - XII	Ishpreet Singh Ahedi	First
4	22/8/26	Group Singing	V - VII	Sharanya Hegde	First
				Meher Kaur	
				Spruha Pabrekar	
				Pahal Pednekar	
				Raavi Nandurkar	
				Jhalak Jain	
				Liza Nagpure	
				Krishna Sathe	
				Siya Nalawade	
				Sudhiksha Raj	
				Swarangi Jadhav	
				Niya Yadav	
				Ayansh Shetty	
				Ritvik Shetty	
				Ansh Sanil	

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4	22/8/26	Group Singing	VIII – X	Yogesh Gabhale Rudra Sathe Kiyansh Parab Arnav Salvi Kaushik Gowda Zara Khan Tanvi Shetty Grishma Kambble Aayurtha Desai Dhanvi Shetty Sanvi Polekar Rianshi Shetty Shreya Sherugar Bhanvi Shetty	Second
5	24/8/26	Mono Acting	XI - XII	Srishti Shetty	Third
			Teacher	Akhilesh Singh	Third
6	29/8/26	Band			Third
7	7/10/26	Handwriting	IX - X	Saee Rane	Second Consolation
8	8/10/26	Advertisement Writing	VI - VIII	Shreyanshi Vishwakarma	Third
9	9/10/26	Essay Writing	V - VIII	Purva Shirke	Second Consolation
			XI - XII	Disha Hambir	First
10	10/10/26	Science Quiz	Junior	Nachiket Sawant Ved Karale	First
11	12/10/26	Poster Making	V - VIII	Riddhi Dudham	Third
			IX - X	Trisha Suvarna	Third
			XI - XII	Ravishankar Sahani	Third
			XI - XII	Ananya Jadhav	First Consolation
			Teacher	Jitendra Ahirrao	First

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12	13/10/26 to 15/10/26	Science Exhibition	Junior Divyang – From Clues to Rules	Aradhya Pawar Sohan Shetty Rukhsar Pometkar	Second
13			Senior Divyang - Touchless Tap	Ashwika Singh Advith Poojary Joyce Noronha	First Consolation
14			Junior Science Project - Agro-compo to Green Gold	Akshat Tiwari Veena Kamble Kalawati Panchal	First
15			Senior Science Project - Jalrakshak	Dilpreet Kaur Dhanjal Gurleen Kaur Riar Remya Menon	First Consolation
16			Junior Teaching Aid - Pressure Lab	Atish Chorge	Second
17			Senior Teaching Aid - Sound Safari	Pinky Jalui	Third
18			Lab Assistant – Sci Palooza	Amrut Pol & Atish Chorge	First
19			Junior Population Education – Population Challenge	Reena Poojari	First
20			Nature Club – Nisarg Ek Karyashala	Rajani Parab & Manisha Bhujbal	Second
21			Science Club	Vandana Singh	First
22			Inauguration Project	Akila Nadar Gurleen Kaur Matharu Manisha Dhadam	Second
23			Wonders of Science	Pooja Kapasi Aaisha Nahak Dr. Meena Babujaya	Participation Certification
24			**Best School for the 13th consecutive year**		

ACHIEVEMENTS

Celebrating the Power of Poetry

Mr. Vinayak Lalit secured Second Position in the Teacher Category at Aarohan Poetry Recitation, organised by St. Xavier's, Bhandup, on 3rd October, showcasing his poetic expression and recitation skills.



Young Minds Making Waves

The results of WWF India's Wild Wisdom Global Challenge 2026 – From the Coastline to the Seafloor: An Ocean Odyssey were announced on 6th October. Among 105 participants at the classroom level, Agraj Agarwal of Grade VI secured First Position, followed by Ved Karale of Grade VIII in Second Position. Both advanced to the State-Level Round held on 13th October, demonstrating commendable knowledge and enthusiasm for marine biodiversity.





ACHIEVEMENTS

A Double Victory in Music

Our school choir secured First Place in both the Sanskrit and Hindi Music Categories at the Bharat Vikas Parishad Regional Level Competition held on 25th October, earning a place at the National Level Competition to be held in Noida on 29th November. This outstanding achievement celebrates our students' musical talent and dedication. We wish them continued success on the national stage!



Sharanya Hegde VI F
Grishma Kambble IX D
Aayurtha Desai IX D
Hardiki Patil XII
Ansh Sanil VI B
Ritvik Shetty VII C
Daksh Shetty IX B
Kunal Kadam XII

Singing with Pride

Our school choir secured First Place in the Patriotic Song Competition held at Mani Bhavan on 7th October, showcasing their musical talent, teamwork and patriotic spirit.



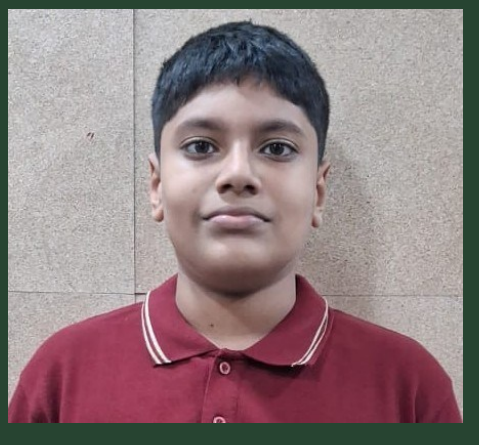
Ansh Sanil VI B
Sharanya Hegde VI F
Meher Kaur VI F
Spruha Pabrekar VI F
Ritvik Shetty VII C
Swarangi Jadhav VII E
Aayurtha Desai IX D
Grishma Kambble IX D
Ayaansh Shetty VII A
Siya Nalawade VII A

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CBSE Veer Gatha Competition

As part of the CBSE Veer Gatha Competition, conducted at the school level from 26th September to 15th October, the video presentation by Zaid Shaikh of VI D and the powerpoint presentation by Piyush Shravankar of VIII B, highlighting the gallantry award winners and their sacrifices, were selected and uploaded to YouTube.





The Goal Rush

Our football teams enjoyed a winning streak in October. On 7th October, the U-17 Boys' Team secured a 3–1 victory in the DSO Inter-School Football Tournament, followed by the U-14 Boys' Team's 2–0 win in the MSSA Inter-School Football Tournament on 31st October. Both teams showcased commendable teamwork and sporting spirit.



ACHIEVEMENTS

Rising Through the Ranks in Table Tennis

Swaraj Redkar showcased his table tennis prowess across three prestigious tournaments.

At the 4th District Table Tennis Championship, held from 28th September to 1st October, he reached the quarterfinals in both the Under-17 and Under-15 categories, earning two trophies, certificates and a cash prize.

From 30th September to 4th October, he represented the school at the CBSE National Table Tennis Tournament in the Under-14 category, advancing to the Round of 32.

Continuing his impressive performance, Swaraj reached the quarterfinals at the MSSA Table Tennis Tournament on 6th October, reflecting his dedication and competitive spirit.



ACHIEVEMENTS

Running Towards Excellence

On 4th October, our students participated in the Swami Vivekanand Run, organised by Bharat Vikas Parishad, Chandivali-Powai, alongside over 4,000 participants. Our athletes secured 4 out of 6 trophies in the 2.5 km category, while spreading awareness about Sanskrit through meaningful slogans. The school was also felicitated with a memento recognising 14 years of continuous participation.





Category	Winners	Position
Boys	Ansh Vedpathak	First
	Laksh Shetty	Second
	Aditya Joshi	Third
Girls	Suhani Patel	Third



ACHIEVEMENTS

Competing with Courage

On 10th October, our Boys' and Girls' Teams secured fourth place in the DSO Inter-School Dodgeball Competition, demonstrating commendable teamwork, agility and sporting spirit throughout the tournament.





Rising Stronger with Every Challenge

Hrishit Shetty represented the school at the 70th National School Wushu Championship held in Jammu and Kashmir from 15th to 19th October. We are proud of his continued dedication to the sport and believe in his potential to achieve greater success in the competitions ahead.



SESSIONS

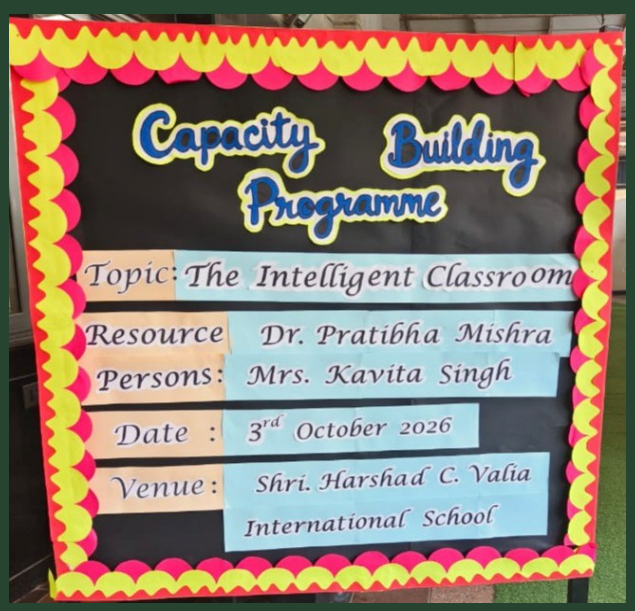
Reimagining the Art of Teaching

Ms. Rakshanda Shaikh and Ms. Shweta Rai attended the Capacity Building Programme on “Teacher as a Learning Designer” on 2nd October. The session focused on active and experiential learning, innovative pedagogical approaches, student agency, and the purposeful use of classroom resources to create engaging, meaningful and learner-centred educational experiences.



Rethinking Classrooms to Enrich Learning

Ms. Shiney Sabastin and Ms. Anchal Singh attended the Capacity Building Programme on “The Intelligent Classroom” on 3rd October at Shri Harshad C. Valia International School. Led by Dr. Pratibha Mishra and Ms. Kavita Singh, the session explored inclusive teaching, learner engagement, classroom management and the use of AI for differentiated instruction.



SESSIONS

Building Financial Awareness

A session on Planning for Financial Goals by Mr. Chetan Gaikwad on 17th October covered budgeting, retirement planning, emergency funds and goal-based investments, highlighting the importance of informed financial decisions for long-term security.



Building Skills for Life

Ms. Lydia Fernandes and Mr. Atish Chorge attended a Capacity Building Programme on Kaushal Bodh on 24th October at Orchid International School, Masjid Bunder, Mumbai. Conducted by resource persons Ms. Poonam Thakur and Dr. Sunita Rai, the programme explored skill-based, experiential and project-based learning, emphasising creativity and problem-solving in alignment with NEP 2020 to equip students with essential real-life skills.



SESSIONS

Enriching Marathi Language Teaching

Mrs. Kumudini Vengurlekar, Mrs. Manisha Bhujbal, Mrs. Sheetal Deodhar and Mrs. Jyoti Salve attended a Marathi Language Workshop organised by Madhuban Publications on 24th October. The session explored student-centred learning, innovative teaching strategies and the 5E Model, offering practical approaches to make Marathi lessons more engaging and effective.



Strengthening Hindi Teaching Practices

On 24th October, Ms. Laxmidevi Gupta, Ms. Ranjana Singh, Ms. Saroj Tiwari, Ms. Alpa Jain and Ms. Kiran Yadav attended the Hindi Subject Enrichment Workshop conducted by Dr. Vinod ‘Prasoon’ of Seven Square Academy, Ghodbunder, Thane. The workshop focused on effective teaching strategies and subject-specific pedagogical approaches to make Hindi learning more engaging and meaningful.



ASSEMBLIES

Std. X C – Understanding Puberty

On 1st October, Std. X C conducted an assembly on Puberty, promoting awareness of the physical and emotional changes during adolescence. The assembly highlighted the importance of healthy habits, self-awareness and confidence in navigating this stage of life.



Std. IX D – Navratri: The Triumph of Good over Evil

On 6th October, Std. IX D presented an assembly on Navratri – The Triumph of Good over Evil, highlighting the values of righteousness, inner strength and respect for women. The presentation celebrated the festival's cultural significance and its timeless message of the victory of good over evil.



ASSEMBLIES

Std. X D – A Journey Through Our School Life

On 8th October, Std. X D presented A Journey Through Our School Life, celebrating the experiences that shape a student's school years. The assembly highlighted the lasting value of learning, friendships, values and cherished memories that make the school journey meaningful.



ACTIVITIES

Examinations and Evaluations

October saw Std. X begin its First Preliminary Examination, Std. IX its First Semester Examination on 14th October, and Grades VI–VIII their First Summative Assessment from 19th October. Students also appeared for the MaRRS Math Bee, Spell Bee and Scientia on 27th October, UIEO on 29th October and ISO on 30th October.



ACTIVITIES

Seven Days of Reading and Discovery

During the Ganpati vacation, students of Grades VI to VIII embarked on “My 7-Day Reading Adventure,” an initiative designed to cultivate reading habits, spark curiosity and foster independent learning. Students documented their reading journey and submitted their completed activity sheets in the first week of October, reflecting their engagement with the initiative.



Inspiring a Lifelong Love for Reading

To commemorate Reading Inspiration Day on 15th October, the library organised a week-long series of engaging activities celebrating the legacy of Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam. The initiative encouraged students to explore the joy of reading, nurture curiosity and embrace lifelong learning.



ACTIVITIES

Exploring the World of Science

On 14th October, 49 students of Grade VII visited the Science Exhibition at Vikas College. They explored the exhibits and interacted with participants to understand the scientific concepts, innovative ideas and discoveries presented, enriching their learning beyond the classroom.



NEC Junior Initiative – Startup Mela

As part of the National Entrepreneurship Challenge (NEC) Junior Initiative, a Startup Mela was organised on 29th October, featuring eight stalls offering student-created products and services. The activity provided hands-on experience in entrepreneurship, encouraging creativity, innovation and business acumen.







ACTIVITIES

Track and Field Sports Events

Students of Grades VI and VII participated in pre-Sports Day events at Gopinath Munde BMC Ground, near Hiranandani Foundation School, on 27th October, followed by Grades VIII and Std. IX on 28th October. The events included 100 m and 200 m races, relay race, shot put and discus throw, giving students valuable exposure to an outdoor sporting venue and competitive track conditions.





The Impossible Book Cover Challenge

As a surprise Library activity for Children's Day on 29th October, students of Grades IV, V and VI designed covers for an imaginary book titled The Girl Who Stole Tuesday, as part of a challenge organised by Brainologi for Stories by the Lake – Season 2, an annual children's literary festival. The entries will be judged by award-winning illustrator Abhijeet Kini, with selected covers displayed at the festival on 29th November.



CELEBRATING A LEGEND

A Teacher's Journey Woven into Our Story

On 30th October, the school bid farewell to Mr. Rajendra Gaikwad, Head of the Hindi & Sanskrit Department, as he retired after 26 years of dedicated service. The programme began with a grand welcome to Gaikwad Sir and his family, followed by a welcome note and reflections by teachers. A musical medley, a skit depicting his journey and a video tribute celebrated his years of service, while the light-hearted 'Kaun Banega Sir Ka Replacement' brought smiles to the gathering. Former teachers, former Principal Mrs. Seema Sabhlok and COO Dr. Sandeep Singh shared heartfelt wishes and memories. The felicitation ceremony and a special video capturing his 26-year journey added to the emotion of the occasion. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, as the school expressed gratitude for his contribution to nurturing students' love for Hindi and guiding them towards excellent SSC results, wishing him a joyful retirement.







UPCOMING EVENTS

31st October – 15th November

Diwali Vacation

16th November

School Re-opens

16th - 18th November

Std X Camp to Silvassa

26th November

Open House

21st December

Annual Day



As the sun sets, a thousand little lamps rise to fill the world with their festive glow.

May this Diwali kindle new dreams and bring warmth to every heart.

Glow with purpose. Radiate kindness. Illuminate lives.

Wishing all our families a Sun-sational Diwali!