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### PEACE WINS

“Peace begins  
with a smile.  
- Mother Teresa

## PEACE AND GOODWILL

Peace on Earth and goodwill toward all” – is a timeless aspiration that echoes through generations, urging us to reflect on its profound meaning and importance.

In a world increasingly marked by division, conflict, and uncertainty, the need for peace and goodwill has never been greater. To truly forge humanity, we must earnestly embrace and implement these ideals, not just as lofty notions but as guiding principles for our collective existence. Peace is not simply the absence of war, nor is goodwill merely a token gesture of kindness. Together, they represent the bedrock of humanity's hope for a better, brighter future.

Peace must begin within ourselves, and extend outward to all, whether it be those close to us or complete strangers. It calls for compassion in the face of indifference, justice in the presence of inequality, and cooperation over competition. While Goodwill, on the other hand, is the active expression of empathy and respect for others. It challenges us to look beyond our differences, to see our shared humanity, and to work for the common good.

History is replete with examples of individuals and communities who have transformed their societies through small but meaningful acts of harmony and understanding. Let us take on the mantle, assume the responsibility, and hope—to live as stewards of peace and ambassadors of goodwill, shaping a future where humanity thrives together.

“Surely peace is needed in all seasons, everywhere on God's earth.”

- THE EDITORS

## OUR PRIORITIES

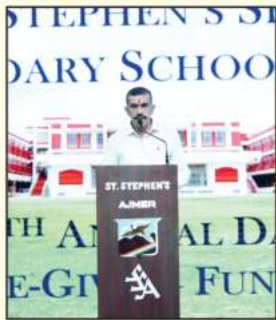
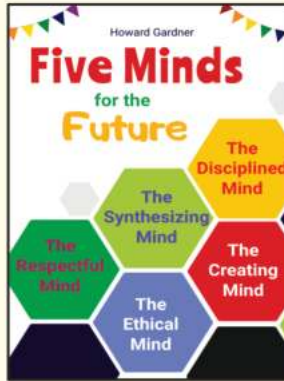
St. Stephen's is committed to Making Quality Education Accessible and building the character of its students by inculcating the values of Self Discipline, Integrity, Mutual Respect, Pursuit of Excellence, Learning for Life and Environmental Management (SIMPLE). The School will build language fluency and improve reading habits of the students and will also continue to introduce one educational innovation each year to make learning more meaningful. The School will continue to be a model employer and invest in teacher training and development.

# CAMPUS STORIES

## FIVE MINDS FOR THE FUTURE

Celebrating Our 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Function and Prize-Giving Function

Howard Gardner's idea of multiple intelligences and his profound concept of 'Five Minds for the Future' are critical for addressing the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Embracing the Disciplined Mind, Synthesizing Mind, Creating Mind, Respectful Mind, and Ethical Mind, St. Stephen's celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Day and Prize-Giving Function on October 23, 2024, with the theme 'Five Minds for the Future'. This theme embodied essential virtues that have the power to transform our society and shape a better world. The Stephanians guided the audience through a remarkable experience, demonstrating how these minds lead us to a greater tomorrow and symbolize a path of knowledge, wisdom, and purpose.



Shri Deshal Dan, IAS

At the Prize-Giving the students were awarded for their outstanding achievements at the School level. The Principal presented the Annual Report—a visual summary of the academic year 2024-2025. The Chief Guest, Shri Deshal Dan, IAS Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ajmer, in his address, emphasized that education is not just about imparting knowledge but also about instilling moral values essential for a better life. He highlighted the importance of setting clear objectives, recognizing potential and devoting time and effort to achieving one's goals. He further stated that teamwork and confidence can have a significant positive influence on the world.

The cultural programme began with the welcome dance, *Har taraf har jagah*. The fusion song *We Shall*

*Overcome* demonstrated discipline is vital to achieve great endeavours. A medley of *Rajasthani* dances brilliantly reflected the traditional folk culture of our state while showcasing the discipline needed for the performances. *Tutting*, a synchronization of hands, focused on creating visually captivating shapes and patterns. The *Mime* portrayed human evolution, while the *Scrap Band* passionately demonstrated the importance of recycling and care for the environment, through the use of discarded materials. *Music*

and *Movement* depicted a fantastic dance of creation. A short Hindi play *Chanakya ki Pratigya* illustrated how compassion and dialogue pave the way to peace, connecting us through shared humanity. The choral elocution *A Treasure So Rare* conveyed the importance of living with respect. The semi-classical dance *Sakal Ban* and fusion dance *Jayatu Jayatu Bharatam* beautifully embodied the principles of ethics. The cultural programme concluded with *The Joy of Sports*, a stellar performance of our students on roller skates, leaving the audience spellbound.

**Five Minds lead us to a greater tomorrow and symbolize a path of knowledge, wisdom, and purpose.**

These performances eloquently demonstrated how the Five Minds contribute to the holistic development of students. The performers' skill, passion, and excitement were recognized

and applauded in the happy and enthusiastic atmosphere. The Director, in her Vote of Thanks, thanked the Chief Guest for acknowledging the School for giving a holistic form to education. She also appreciated the performance of the students and thanked the guests for their presence and encouragement.

-Yashasvi Chaturvedi (IX-A)





# GANDHI AND SHASTRI JAYANTI

*Imbibing the virtues of our inspiring freedom fighters*



The School honoured Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri, two of India's most notable leaders, on their respective 155<sup>th</sup> and 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 2, 2024. To commemorate their

contributions, a special gathering was held. The programme began with the lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the flame of patriotism kindled in our hearts by these great leaders. Dr. Preeti Sharma and Ms. Riti Sood shared insights on Mahatma Gandhi's ideology. Vanya Tanwar (VIII-C) and Aanchal Khatri (X-B)



presented speeches on Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri. The School choir sang hymns such as 'Vaishnav Janto' and 'Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram'. The Principal, in his

address, emphasized that Gandhiji and Shastriji were not just persons but iconic personalities who shaped our



nation and contributed to the freedom struggle. He highlighted the importance of adopting their virtues of simplicity, truth, and patriotism in our daily lives. A



pledge was also taken on *Swachh Bharat Divas*. The students of classes Nursery to III recited patriotic poems, in both English and Hindi. The poems beautifully reflected Gandhiji's principles of non-violence and

Shastriji's vision of a unified and powerful India.

- Yashasvi Chaturvedi (IX-A)

## CROSS COUNTRY



The much-awaited Cross Country, an event that holds a special place in the School calendar, was held on November 30, 2024, a crisp, chilly Saturday morning. With a cool breeze in the air and the spirit of determination running high, students arrived with great enthusiasm, ready to challenge themselves and push beyond their limits. Two hundred and fourteen students participated in this event. The track, winding through picturesque landscapes and carefully planned trails, tested not only physical stamina but also mental resilience. In the Senior

category (Boys) - Chandra Raj Singh (XI-Arts), Anirudh Rathore (XI-Arts) and Abhay Pareek (XI-Com. A), and in the Senior category (Girls) - Khushi Payal (X-D), Deepal Tanwar (IX-D) and Yashika Gothwal (XI-Arts) were the winners. In the Junior category (Boys) - Aditya Raj Singh (VIII-D), Harris Ansari (VIII-A) and Sushant Singh Rao (VIII-A) and in the Girls category Bhavika Bhagasra (VI-A), Lakshita Charan (VIII-A) and Jiya Singh (VII-D) were the winners.



# Diwali Celebration

Students of classes Nursery to II celebrated Diwali, the festival of lights on October 25, 2024. The festival symbolizes the triumph of good over evil. The Diwali celebration was a vibrant and joyous event. The School was beautifully decorated with lamps and colourful rangolis, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere for the little ones. Teachers and students came together to perform the Puja, introducing the young learners to the significance of Diwali.



# Bal Sabha

**B**al Sabha is a day every little Stephanian eagerly looks forward to each year. It is a celebration of our students' talents and hard work. They showcased their artistic skills, mesmerizing the audience with their confidence and charisma. From classical dances to modern songs, the performances were a testament to the students' creativity and talent.

The students of classes Nursery to III celebrated Bal Sabha on December 13, 2024. It was themed on 'Five Minds for the Future': Disciplined Mind, Synthesizing Mind, Creating Mind, Respectful Mind, and Ethical Mind. The function began by welcoming the Chief Guest, Shri Vishesh Nagarwal, RJS, Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Railway Court, Ajmer. Our little stars welcomed everyone with a dance performance showcasing their dreams of a happy future.

The Annual Report 2024-2025 of the Primary Section was presented by the Primary Headmistress. She explained that Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are integrated into the curriculum to provide a well-rounded education. The School also emphasizes on holistic development through engaging activities like storytelling, phonic reading, role play, art and craft, and skating. She further said that the School continues to strive for excellence, fostering confident and well-rounded individuals aligned with the School's motto, 'Onward and Upward'. The Chief Guest while addressing the parents and guests said that success is not achieved through shortcuts but through continuous efforts.

He emphasized that parents should give children a chance to express themselves freely in every field.

The evening progressed with a variety of programmes. The students of Class

LKG presented a **Patriotic Dance** that highlighted the value of hard work and respect for our motherland. A dance on *Abbi Agaz Hai Tera* by Class I presented the importance of Disciplined Mind. A dance performance on the song *Sapne* by Class LKG, showed how ideas and dreams can create something special. A dance on *Chote Chote Tamashe*, by Class I showed how teamwork can bring joy and excitement.

To showcase the Creative Mind Class HKG presented a **Nature Dance** which brought to the fore how to see things around us



Shri Vishesh Nagarwal, RJS

differently. Class III presented a **Western Dance** which was a blend of imagination and fun. Class HKG presented a **Jungle Dance** to show how the animals in the jungle live and help each other. Through the lyrics of a *Qawwali* students of Class II presented qualities of kindness and teamwork which showcased the Respectful Mind. A **Gujarati Dance** performance presented by Class II reflected

values of honesty, fairness and kindness to everyone and how staying true to our traditions will help us to grow. An English Song **I Have a Dream** by the students of Class III reminded us to do what is right, and make the world a better place. A dance performance on the song *Ghanan Ghanan* by Class III brought out the qualities that help us grow and live happily together.

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Ms. Anjali Agarwal (PRT). The breathtaking cultural journey left the audience enthralled and spellbound. It was a moment of pride for the parents to see their children perform confidently.





# A Trip to Ranthambore



The students of classes VII and VIII, embarked on a two-day trip to Ranthambore, a place known for its historical significance and wildlife from November 7, 2024 to November 8, 2024. This trip was designed to inculcate essential life skills such as leadership, discipline, punctuality and responsibility in the students.



My trip to Ranthambore was unforgettable. The serene atmosphere of the Ganesh Temple and the thrill of doing the forest safari early in the morning were the highlights. The Rajiv Gandhi Regional Museum of Natural History and our resort stay were also memorable. This trip taught me that even short getaways can create lifelong memories. It connected me to nature and Rajasthan's cultural richness.



**Kashvi Choudhary**  
(VII-B)

My Ranthambore trip was exciting and joyful. The Ranthambore Fort and Ganesh Temple visits were special. The Jungle Safari was unforgettable, with many animal sightings. The Rajiv Gandhi Regional Museum of Natural History gave us glimpses of village life. I learned the importance of teamwork, time management, and adaptability, and developed skills like leadership and independence.



**Suyash Garg**  
(VIII - B)

The trip to Ranthambore was our very first trip, which was filled with excitement and fun. We thoroughly enjoyed the safari at Ranthambore National Park. The stay at the resort was also very pleasant. I wish the School organizes more educational trips like this in the future.



**Yakshit Khandelwal**  
(VII-A)

The most exciting part of the trip for me was the safari, as we enjoyed it a lot and clicked many pictures, making unforgettable memories. This trip made me feel the importance of the jungle and the beauty of nature. I will never forget this amazing trip for the rest of my life.



**Prachi Bhagchandani**  
(VIII - A)

From this trip, I learned how we should be responsible and disciplined. This trip made me feel good and happy. It was truly a perfect blend of fun, exploration, and cherishable memories.



**Srishti Moolchandani**  
(VII-B)

# Children's Day

*Celebrating the Magic of Childhood*



# Grandparents' Day

On October 5, 2024, young Stephanians of classes Nursery to HKG celebrated Grandparents' Day. They entertained everyone with songs, dances, and poems in both English and Hindi. This day is celebrated to honour the grandparents and emphasize their special bond with their grandchildren. A number of engaging activities were conducted that created lasting memories. All the grandparents were given tokens of appreciation by the Stephanians to express their heartfelt appreciation for their special role in their lives.



# Primary Activities

## Story Retelling

A Story Retelling activity was held on November 22 and 23, 2024 for the students of classes Nursery to II. This activity brought out the creativity and imagination of our children. They used props and narrated stories with the help of visual aids. It developed confidence in speaking, reinforced listening skills, and fostered a love for stories.



## Choral Elocution

A Choral Elocution event was held on November 23, 2024 for Class III. The theme 'Five Minds for the Future', was expressed through synchronized recitations of poems and speeches. This activity showcased teamwork, voice modulation, and expression.



## Designing Power Point Presentations

A Power Point Presentation activity was held on November 23, 2024. Class IV created a presentation on the topic 'My favourite Sport' and Class V students created on 'Uses of Internet' using different backgrounds, themes, shapes, text, graphics clipart images, transitions and animations. Students learnt to use design layouts and templates for the presentation.



## Origami

An activity was conducted on December 6, 2024 for classes Nursery to II, where children folded sheets of paper into faces of dogs and cats, different kinds of fish and many other objects of their interest.



## Maintenance of Organic Garden



An activity to understand the process of maintaining an Organic Garden was conducted on December 17, 2024 for classes III to V. They learnt the process of making compost manure, its importance in organic gardening and why should we avoid synthetic fertilizers and pesticides. They also added the organic manure made by them to the plants with the help of the School gardener.

## Educational Tour

Educational tours are a crucial component of the academic programme as they give students a chance to expand their knowledge while enjoying themselves away from the classroom. The students of Class V visited The Seven Wonders Park in Ajmer on December 19, 2024. This park has miniature replicas of the Seven Wonders of the World which offered the students a chance to enjoy and admire the global wonders without travelling far.



# A PLATFORM FOR THOUGHTFUL INSIGHTS

## Where Words Meet Wisdom



The Hindi Debate for juniors, held on November 23, 2024, was a stimulating and thought-provoking event. The topic of the debate, 'मानसिक स्वास्थ्य के लिए पौष्टिक आहार जरूरी है', provided the participants with a platform to voice their thoughts eloquently and confidently. Each speaker presented their arguments with clarity, emphasizing the importance of a nutritious diet in maintaining mental well-being.

It was a testament to the talent and hard work of all participants, as they delivered compelling speeches that captivated the audience.

After a keen contest, Green House emerged as the winner; Red House secured the Second position, followed closely by Gold House in the Third place.

In the individual category, Divyanshi Mirchandani (VIII-C), Vageesha Mastan (VIII-B) and Aaradhya Francis (VI-D) claimed the First, Second and Third positions respectively with their exceptional oratory skills and persuasive arguments. The debate was more than just about winning or losing; it served as a reminder that both participation and sharing ideas

are equally valuable. It inspired many students to reflect on the topic and share their own perspectives.

The Vice Principal, in her address, emphasized the need for healthy eating and reducing the consumption of junk food, particularly for students in their growing years. Her inspiring words motivated everyone to develop better habits and make healthier choices. The event concluded on a note of success, leaving the audience enriched and motivated.

-Hardik Chouhan (IX- A)



## Intra-Class Linguistic Exploration: Fostering Creativity and Language Skills



The Intra-Class Linguistic Exploration Activity was conducted on September 28, 2024, for classes VI to VIII. The activity aimed to nurture linguistic creativity and enhance students' language skills through innovative tasks. The students crafted Haiku Poems, designed Mini Books on Parts of Speech, and created Word Portraits, which encouraged them to explore their artistic and linguistic expression. It not only fostered their love for language but also honed their skills in presentation, creativity, and clarity.

## CONSTITUTION DAY

The Constitution Day was celebrated on November 26, 2024, to honour the adoption of the Indian Constitution and raise awareness about its importance. During the Morning Assembly, students shared the history of the Indian Constitution, highlighting its significance and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's key role in drafting it. This was followed by a solemn recitation of the Preamble by students and teachers, reaffirming the values of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity.



# 40<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SPORTS MEET 2024

*A celebration of athleticism, teamwork, and triumph*

“Champions are made from something they have inside them – A Desire, A Dream, A Vision”.

The pleasant weather was the perfect boost for the students on the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports Day held on Saturday, December 21, 2024. This event was not just a showcase of physical prowess but an opportunity for holistic student development. The Chief Guest for the event was Shri Raju Lal Choudhary, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Rajasthan Police Service. The Principal, in his welcome address, emphasized the multifaceted benefits of sports, highlighting how they teach valuable life skills such as discipline, resilience, and the ability to rise stronger after setbacks.

The day began with the March Past by the marching contingent of the four Houses and the School Brass Band. The marching contingents were led by the Sports Captain Puruvijay Soni. The lighting of the torch by Jennis Manoj Ojha, marked the start of the Sports events, following this, the oath was taken, symbolizing the students' commitment to fair play and sportsmanship. The cultural events comprised the Drummer's Call by the School Band, song, aerobics and a gymnastics display.

The various Inter-House Athletic events encouraged athletes to win glory for their own Houses and their zeal was spurred on by the enthusiastic House members, cheering for their team with high spirits. The young achievers were

awarded with Gold, Silver and Bronze medals by the Chief Guest, who highly appreciated each athlete.

The Blue House won the Running Trophy instituted by the St. Stephen's School Society for the Overall Best House and the Pradeep Arjani Cup for the Best House in Games and Sports. Chandra Raj Singh (Boys Category) and Jennis Manoj Ojha (Girls Category) were awarded the Running Trophy instituted by the St. Stephen's School Society for the Best Sportsperson in Games and Sports. The trophies for the Best Athlete in Group I were bagged by Chandra Raj Singh (XI-Arts) (Boys) and Parineeta Singh (XII-Arts) (Girls) in Group II won by Aakash Prajapati (X-C) (Boys) and Khushi Payal (X-D) (Girls). Tarun Ramchandani (VIII-D) (Boys) and Lakshita Charan (VIII-A) (Girls) won the Best Athlete trophy in Group III. Daksh Bansal (VIII-D) won the Asim Sharma Award for the Best Cricketer.

The Chief Guest, in his address, appreciated the students' achievements and the School's facilities that pave the way to excellence. He emphasized the importance of balancing academics and sports and urged parents to encourage their children to participate actively. He shared his inspirational journey from a humble background to becoming a gold medalist in International Kabaddi and appointment as a police officer. Being a sportsperson, he highlighted the significance of proper nutrition, regular practice, and dedication.

The event concluded with a sense of pride and joy, as the students celebrated their achievements and the invaluable lessons learned through sports.

- Aanchal Khatri (X-B)



# Christmas Day celebration

Christmas was celebrated by classes Nursery to II on December 23, 2024 with joy and enthusiasm, engaging children in creative activities like crafting reindeer, snowmen, and Christmas trees. The day was enlivened with dances, a visit by Santa Claus, and a beautifully decorated Christmas tree. Selfie frames added fun, capturing memorable moments. The celebration was filled with festive cheer, creativity, and cherished memories.



# A Journey into India's Railway Heritage

The students of Class VI visited the Railway Museum, Ajmer for an enriching educational trip on December 18, 2024. They explored India's rich railway history through vintage engines, carriages, and interactive exhibits. The trip was a perfect mix of learning and fun, sparking curiosity and inspiration about the country's railway legacy.



# Hiking Heroes

*The Hills are calling...*



The students of Green and Gold House went on a hiking trip to the hills adjoining the School. This adventure trip was a way of appreciating them for their outstanding performance at the Parade on Independence Day 2024.

# Learning for Life



Dr. Preeti Sharma (TGT) attended a two-day Training of Trainers Certification Course organized by CBSE at Rajmata Krishna Kumari Girls' Public School, Jodhpur on December 6 and 7, 2024. The resource persons were Ms. Gunjan Gandhi and Mr. Arun Masih.



Ms. Jayshree Dadlani (TGT) attended a one day workshop on AI and Robotics in collaboration with Orange Education publications at The Fern Residency Hotel on December 14, 2024. The resource persons were Mr. Dinesh Patel, Mr. Akhil Pachori and Mr. Atul Mishra.

## Collaborative Learning



The third session of Shabad Shaala was held under the Kabir Project, on September 23 and 24, 2024. Shri Kalu Ram Baniya and his team taught Kabir's soulful *bhajans*, which included '*Dhanya Teri Kartar Kala Ka*' and '*Tera Mera Manwa Kaise Ek Hoy Re*'. The students participated and learnt the meanings of the *bhajans* and sang them with great enthusiasm.



The fourth session of Shabad Shaala was organized on October 17, 2024. During the session, Shri Bhage Khan Ji and his team taught the students' different *bhajans* like '*Kya Soove Banda Wa Kyun Soove*', '*Maargiya Buharu*'. The students thoroughly enjoyed learning and singing these compositions.



The fifth session of Shabad Shaala was held on November 21, 2024. Shri Muralala Ji and his team taught the students Kabir's *bhajans*, including '*Chhod Ke Mat Ja Ekali Banjara Re*', '*Hiye Kaya Mein*,' and '*Sab Chala Chali Ka Khela*'. He also engaged the students in a dialogue to share the profound meanings hidden in the lyrics of the *bhajans*.



The students of classes X and XII attended a Career Counselling Session on November 25, 2024 on New Age Technology-based career opportunities. Dr. Subhash Sharma, Faculty In-charge, Finishing School, The ICFAI, Jaipur was the resource person. He gave valuable insights into innovative domains like Mobile App Development, Business Analytics, Forensic Science, and Cyber Crime. The session sparked curiosity among students and provided them with a deeper understanding of the vast potential in these rapidly evolving sectors, helping them envision their future careers in the world of technology.



Forty-three students from classes VIII to XII participated in the TIME Project Conference on November 29, 2024. They interacted with participants from Poland, Taiwan, Lithuania, and India. The activities included the Global Youth Forum, Model United Nations, and the House of Commons Debate.



The sixth session of Shabad Shaala was held on December 2, 2024. Shri Tara Singh Ji and his team taught the students *bhajans*, including '*Moti Samundra*', '*Pani Mein Meen Pyasi*', and '*Kaban Se Aaya Kaban Jaoge*'. He listened to the emotional expressions of the students and, through meditation, made them aware of the importance of self-awareness.



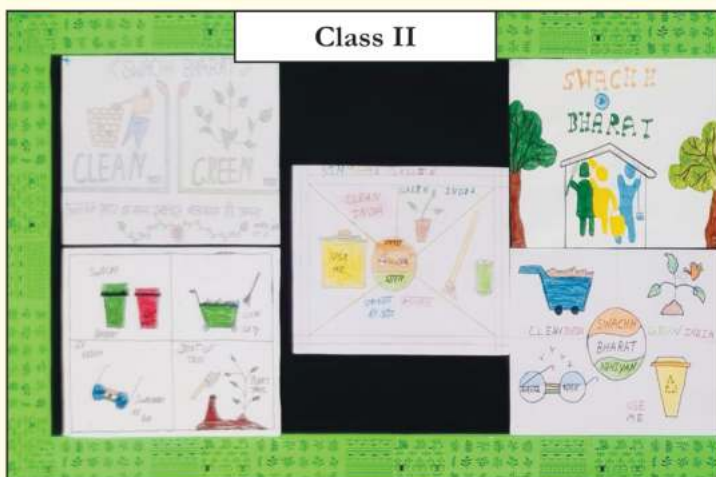
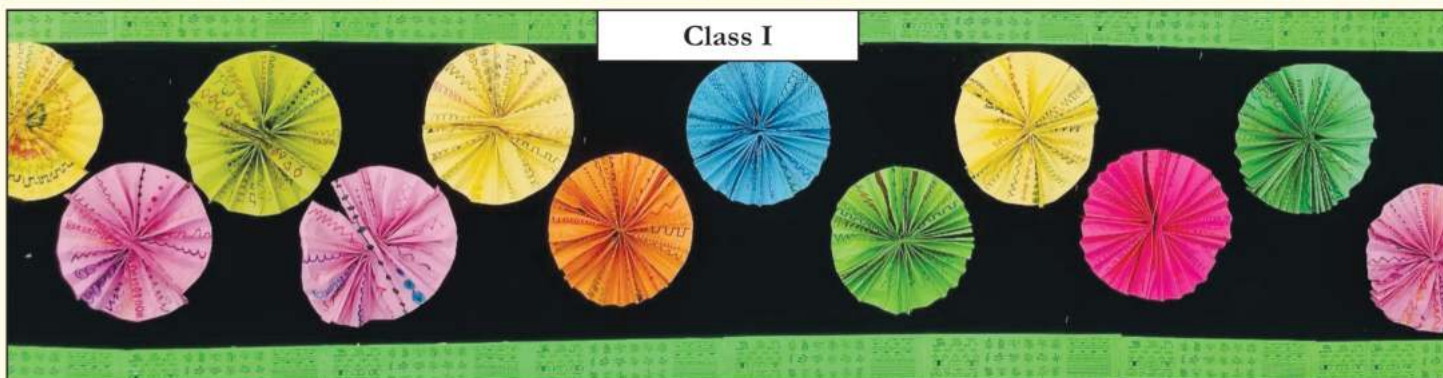
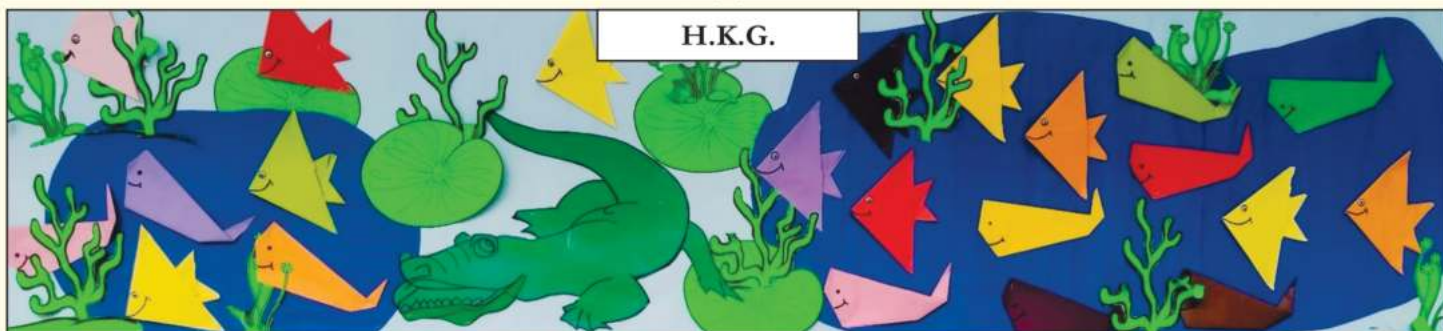
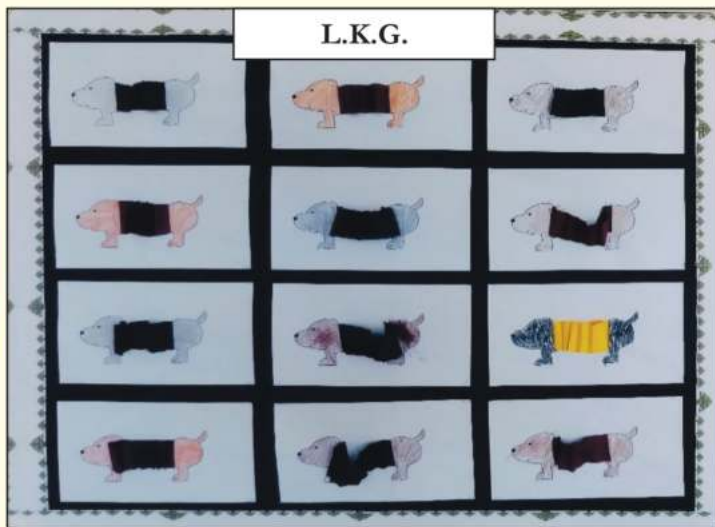
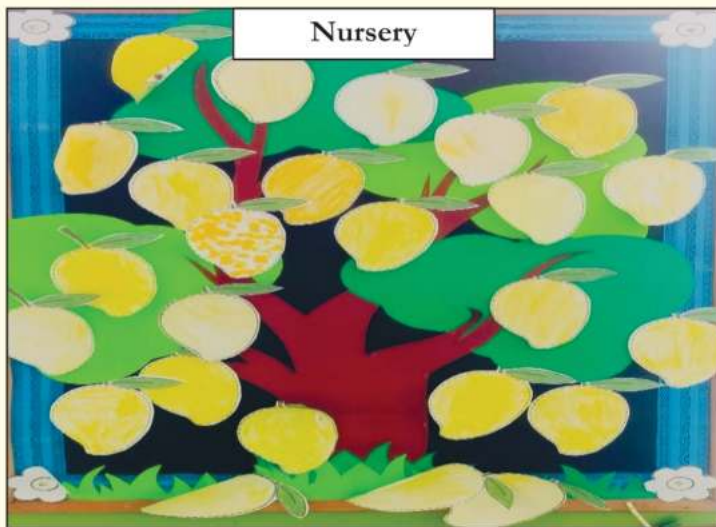
On December 2, 2024, in the Morning Assembly the Legal Literacy Club members shared their views on effective exam preparation, equipping students with valuable insights and practical tips to achieve success in their exams.

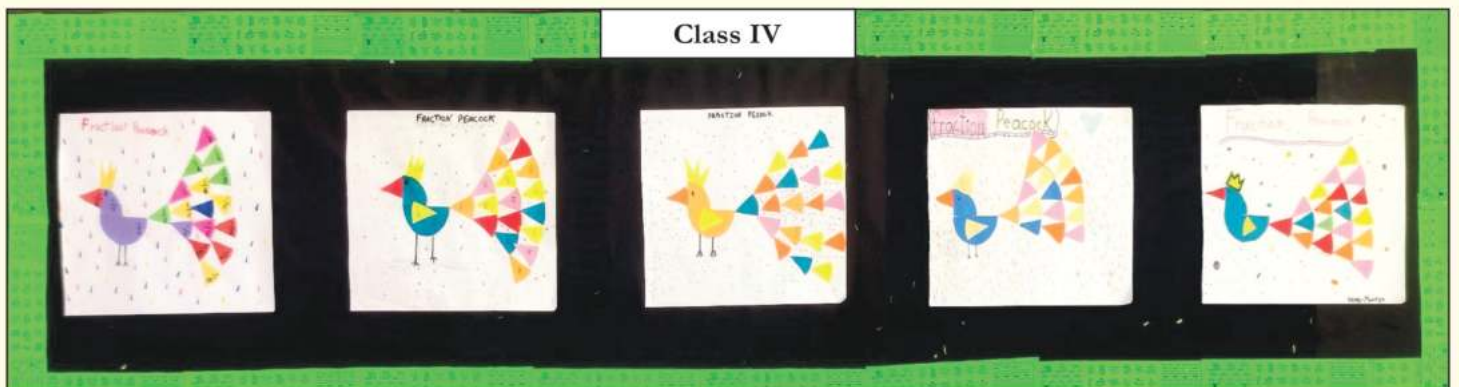


An awareness programme on Good Touch and Bad Touch was conducted by Sparsh Mission on December 19, 2024 in our School campus for students of classes VIII, IX and XI. The resource persons were Ms. Jyotika Gupta and Dr. Reena Vyas. The programme aimed to address the sensitive issue of child abuse prevention, empowering students with the knowledge to identify and respond appropriately to such situations.

# IMPRESSIONS

## *Kaleidoscope of Colours*







# CAMPUS STARS

## Academics

### Congratulations!



Harshit Chopra (X-A) (L) and Sajit Singh (X-B) (R) received a cash award instituted by the parents of Rupal Mansharamani for hundred percent attendance in Class X.



Gourvi (V-D) won a Scholarship for the Best Student in Computer Science in the Primary Section.



Yashasvi Chaturvedi (IX-A) was awarded the Gaurav Bhardwaj Trophy for the Best Student in Computers.



Laksh Agarwal (V-E) was awarded the B. Martins Running Shield for the Best Student in the Primary Section.



Swapnil Goyal (X-A) was awarded the Raj Narain Sharma Gold Medal for the Best Student in General Knowledge.



Hardik Chouhan (IX-B) (L) and Aanchal Khatri (X-B) (R) shared the Running Shield for the Best English Debater for the Year 2024-25 instituted by St. Stephen's School Society, Ajmer.



Khushi Seernani (XII-Arts) was awarded the B.V. Pant Gold Medal for the Best All Round Student for the Year 2024-25. She also bagged the Running Shield for the Best Hindi Debater for the Year 2024-25 instituted by St. Stephen's School Society, Ajmer.

The V.V. John Memorial Running Trophy for Creative Writing and the Running Shield for the Best Student in Arts Faculty in the Academic Year 2024-25 instituted by St. Stephen's School Society, Ajmer was awarded to Khushi.



Shreya Khandelwal (XII-Com. A) (L) and Parth Adwani (XII-Sc.) (R) were awarded the Running Shield instituted by St. Stephen's School Society, Ajmer for the Best Student in

Commerce and Science Faculty respectively in the Academic Year 2024-25.

## Sports



(L to R): Aryan Choudhary (XII-Sc.), Yuvraj Singh (IX-B), Kandarp Sharma (XI-Arts), Kratgya Goyal (IX-C) and (inset) Dushyant Choudhary (XII-Arts) secured the First position in the team event in the 68<sup>th</sup> District

level Badminton Tournament (Under-19 Boys) held at St. Stephen's Sr. Sec. School, Ajmer.



(L to R): Ketan Meena (XI-Sc.), Bhanu Pratap Singh (VIII-A), Abhinav Sharma (X-C), Madhav Khandelwal (IX-A) and Kanak Meena (XI-Arts) secured the First position in the team event in the 68<sup>th</sup> District level

Badminton Tournament (Under-17 Boys) held at St. Stephen's Sr. Sec. School, Ajmer.



(L to R): Shaurya Singh Rajpurohit (XI-Com. B), Sudarshan Ghusar (XI-Com. B), Bhavya Parashar (XI-Com. A), Abhi Kumawat (XI-Com. B) and Vishnu Bairwa (XI-Com. A) secured the Second position in the team event in the 68<sup>th</sup> District level Gymnastics Tournament (Under-19 Boys) held at Savitri Girls Sr. Sec. School, Ajmer. Sudarshan Ghusar was also declared as the Second all-rounder in the Individual category.



(L to R): Lakshita Charan (VIII-A), Jiya Singh (VII-D), Tanisha Gupta (VIII-C), Bhavika Bhagasra (VI-A) and Anusha Choudhary (VII-B) secured the First position in the team event in the 68<sup>th</sup> District level Badminton tournament (Under-14 Girls) held at Government Sr. Sec. School, Bhudol, Ajmer. Anusha Choudhary and Bhavika Bhagasra secured the Second position and the Third position respectively in the Individual category.



(L to R): Avni Verma (XI-Com. A), Soumya Tungariya (XI-Sc.), Roshni Keswani (IX-B), Samiksha Jain (IX-B) and Arya Dubey (IX-B) secured the Second position in the team event in the 68<sup>th</sup> District level Chess Championship (Under-17 Girls) held at Government Girls Sr. Sec. School, Jethana, Pisangan, Ajmer.



Jennis Manoj Ojha (XII-Sc.) (L) and Shreya Bansal (XI-Sc.) (R) secured the First position (Team Event) in the 68<sup>th</sup> District level Lawn Tennis Tournament (Under-19 Girls) held at Government Sr. Sec. School, Madarpura, Ajmer.

She also secured the First position in the Individual category at the 68<sup>th</sup> District level Lawn Tennis Tournament (Under-19 Girls) held at Government Sr. Sec. School, Madarpura, Ajmer. She bagged the First position in the 68<sup>th</sup> State level Lawn Tennis Tournament (Under-19 Girls) held at Shahid Amit Bhardwaj Sr. Sec. School, Madak Chowk, Jaipur. Jennis was chosen the Captain of the Rajasthan Lawn Tennis team. She was awarded the Running Trophy instituted by St. Stephen's School Society, Ajmer for the Best Sports Person in Games & Sports in the Girls category (2024-25).

## Our Star Performers on Annual Sports Day



Chandra Raj Singh Rathore (XI-Arts) (L) and Parineeta Singh (XII-Arts) (R) were declared the Best Athletes in Group I (2024-25). Chandra Raj was also awarded the Dr. (Mrs.) Deepa Martins Running

Trophy for the Best Athlete (2024-25). He also bagged the Running Trophy instituted by St. Stephen's School Society, Ajmer for the Best Sports Person in Games & Sports in the Boys category (2024-25).



Aakash Prajapati (X-C) (L) and Khushi Payal (X-D) (R) were declared the Best Athletes in Group II (2024-25).



Tarun Ramchandani (VIII-D) (L) and Lakshita Charan (VIII-A) (R) were declared the Best Athletes in Group III (2024-25).



Daksh Bansal (VIII-D) received the Asim Sharma Award for the Best Cricketer (2024-25).

# WORDSCAPE

**G**oodwill and Peace have the power to inspire and uplift us, reminding us of the importance of kindness, compassion, and harmony in our world. Through poems and stories, Stephanians have expressed their hopes and dreams for a brighter future, where people can come together in unity and understanding, to create a ripple effect of positivity.

## THE POWER OF PEACE AND GOODWILL

**O**nce upon a time, in a small village, there lived two best friends, Rohan and Aryan. They did everything together, from playing cricket to exploring the nearby woods.

One day, a new family moved into the village. They were very different from the others, and some people in the village were not very welcoming.

Rohan and Aryan saw how the new family was struggling to adjust. They decided to take matters into their own hands and show them the true meaning of peace and goodwill.

They started by introducing themselves and inviting the new family to join them for a game of cricket. The new family was hesitant at first, but Rohan and Aryan's kindness and warmth soon put them at ease.

As the days went by, Rohan and Aryan continued to show the new family kindness and goodwill. They helped them with their daily chores, introduced them to the other villagers, and even invited them to join them for dinner.

Slowly but surely, the new family began to feel at home in the village. They started to participate in village activities, and soon they became an integral part of the community.

The villagers, who had initially been hesitant to welcome the new family, were amazed at the transformation. They realized that Rohan and Aryan's kindness and goodwill had brought peace and harmony to the village. The story of Rohan and Aryan spread throughout the village, and soon everyone was talking about the power of peace and goodwill. The villagers learned that by showing kindness and compassion to others, they could bring peace and harmony to their community.

And Rohan and Aryan continued to be the best of friends, spreading peace and goodwill wherever they went.

**Mohi Mangrola**  
VI-D



Bhuvi Tanwar V-C



Aaradhya Sharma V-B

## PEACE

**M**ay peace lead you through the journey of life,  
And teach you lessons of patience and strife.

In a world like ours, where differences roam,  
Peace is the path which welcomes us back home.  
The bridge which unites us is named 'Peace',  
Dissolving the evil with a gentle cease.

You may consider peace as a serene light,  
Or some even say it's a calm night.  
May goodwill guide you on your journey through life,  
And may the beacon of love shine like a light.

**Somya Saini**  
IX-C



Chirangi Verma IX-C



Lakshita Chouhan VIII-C



Tisha Jain III-D

## शांति बनाओ

शांति बनाओ, खुश हो जाओ,  
हरियाली से भर जाओ।  
पेड़ लगाओ, हरा-भरा संसार बनाओ,  
शांति से ही खुशहाली है।  
शांति को आगे बढ़ाओ,  
शांति बनाओ, शांति बनाओ।।

दृष्टि चौहान  
कक्षा-छठी 'द'



Ekta Tulsiani V-A



Shivay Joshi V-C

## शांति और सद्भाव

शांति और सद्भाव हमारे जीवन के दो महत्वपूर्ण पहलू हैं। शांति हमें अपने विचारों और भावनाओं को नियंत्रित करने में मदद करती है, जबकि सद्भाव हमें दूसरों के प्रति अच्छाई और प्रेम की भावना रखने में मदद करता है। शांति और सद्भाव के बिना हमारा जीवन अशांत और दुखी हो सकता है। लेकिन जब हम शांति और सद्भाव को अपनाते हैं, तो हम अपने जीवन को सुखी और समृद्ध बना सकते हैं। शांति और सद्भाव को बढ़ावा देने के लिए हमें अपने दैनिक जीवन में कुछ सरल कदम उठाने होंगे। हमें अपने विचारों और भावनाओं को नियंत्रित करने का प्रयास करना होगा।

मोही मंगरोला  
कक्षा-छठी 'द'

## शांति और सद्भाव का संग

अगर दिलों में शांति का दीप जले,  
प्यार की लहर हर दिल में चले।  
सद्भाव से बढ़ें हम सभी,  
द्वार खुलें नए उजाले की ओर कभी।  
नफरत को छोड़कर, प्रेम को अपनाएं,  
सभी मिलकर एक नई राह बनाएं।  
हर हाथ में हो समर्थन का भार,  
संघर्ष नहीं, हो हर दिल में प्यार  
दुनिया में खुशियाँ आएँ हर ओर,  
सभी के दिलों में बसी हो,  
मोहब्बत की धारा।  
शांति से बढ़ें, सद्भाव से चलें,  
संसार सच्ची राह पर बढ़े हमारा।।

परीक्षिता सिंह आरा  
कक्षा-नवीं 'स'



Kratika Khubchandani VIII-C

## शांति और सद्भाव

शांति और सद्भावना किसी भी राष्ट्र की महत्वपूर्ण नींव हैं। राजनीतिक और आर्थिक विकास में सहायक है, साथ ही समाज को समृद्ध बनाने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाते हैं।

कई बार राजनीतिक, सामाजिक और धार्मिक समस्याओं की वजह से हमारे समाज की शांति भंग होती है। महँगाई और बेरोजगारी की वजह से देश में विरोध होता है, जिस वजह से लोगों में अशांति पैदा होती है। वैसे ही आतंकवाद और वैश्विक युद्ध विश्व स्तर पर अशांति पैदा करते हैं, जिससे लोगों की सद्भावना को ठेस पहुँचती है। देश में शांति और सद्भाव बनाए रखना मुश्किल है। इसके लिए न केवल सरकार का बल्कि नागरिकों का योगदान भी बहुत आवश्यक है। अतः जरूरी है कि हम केवल खुद की नहीं सोचकर सबके विकास की सोचें।

भाईचारे और मित्रता की भावना से सभी समस्याएँ शांतिपूर्वक हल की जा सकती हैं। साथ ही समाज का उत्थान भी किया जा सकता है। शांति और सद्भावना न केवल मानव जाति के लिए जरूरी हैं, अपितु प्रकृति के लिए भी महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाते हैं। मनुष्य के लिए प्रकृति एक धरोहर के समान है, इसलिए उसे शांति और सद्भावना से सहजना आवश्यक है।

खुशी सीरनानी  
कक्षा-बारहवीं 'कला वर्ग'



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