



GREENWOOD'S  
**FootPrints**



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**GREENWOOD**  
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



Dear Readers,

It is with great pleasure and excitement that we present to you the first edition of our monthly School Magazine **Greenwoods Footprints**. This publication serves as a testament to our unwavering commitment to the holistic development of our students, while also providing them with the best academic opportunities.

We take immense pride in offering the best academic platform to our students. We have assembled a team of dedicated and highly qualified teachers who are passionate about education and go above and beyond to ensure that each student receives a quality education. Our rigorous academic curriculum, combined with innovative teaching methodologies, prepares our students for success in their future endeavours.



Additionally, we understand that academic excellence is not achieved only within the confined traditional classrooms. To further enhance the learning experience, we have introduced foundation courses for Classes 6 to 10, designed to give our students a competitive edge. These courses provide specialized knowledge and skills that will equip them with the tools needed to excel in various academic pursuits, ensuring that they are well-prepared for the challenges that lie ahead.

At our school, we firmly believe in providing a platform for sports and co-curricular activities, recognizing the numerous benefits they bring to the lives of our students. Through our comprehensive sports program and diverse range of co-curricular activities, we have witnessed the firsthand positive impact on physical health, teamwork skills, talent exploration, and personal growth.

This edition of our magazine showcases not only the incredible achievements, inspiring stories, and remarkable talents of our students but also highlights the academic excellence that underpins our educational philosophy. As you peruse its pages, you will undoubtedly be inspired by the triumphs, creativity, and dedication displayed by our school community.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the entire school community for their unwavering support in our aim of fostering holistic student development and providing the best academic opportunities. Together, we have created an environment that nurtures talent, instills values, and prepares our students to become compassionate, responsible, and successful individuals.

As you delve into the pages of this magazine, I encourage you to reflect on the journey we have undertaken together. Let it be a source of inspiration and motivation, encouraging you to continue pursuing excellence, embracing new challenges, and making a positive impact on the world around you.

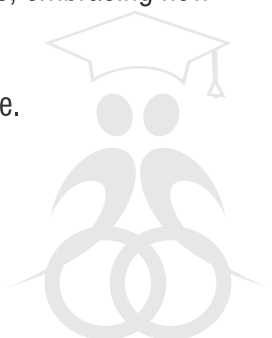
Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you all a pleasant and enriching reading experience.

Warm regards,

**Dr. Hetal Parikh**

Principal

**Greenwood International School**



## **HOLISTIC EDUCATION AT GWIS BY FOLLOWING MAHARSHI SRI AUROBINDO'S PRINCIPLES.**

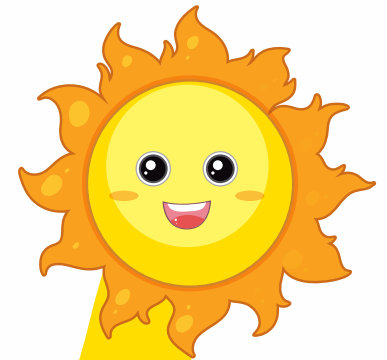


On the 150th birth anniversary of Maharshi Sri Aurobindo, we inaugurated the Statue of Sri Aurobindo in presence of Honorable Sri Vajubhai Vala, Ex Governor of Karnataka State, in our GWIS Campus to seek his divine blessings and teachings in our lives. GWIS is committed to following the educational philosophy of Maharshi Sri Arubindo, which emphasizes the development of the whole person. We firmly believe that education ought to be guided by principles such as freedom, activity, wholeness, and spirituality to ensure a comprehensive and enriching learning experience. We uphold the idea that all children possess dormant capabilities that demand cultivation. By providing a stimulating environment, we enable children to embark on a journey of self-exploration, allowing them to unlock their unique talents and passions.

In our educational approach, we place equal importance on the six senses - hearing, speaking, listening, touching, smelling, and tasting - as vital components of the learning experience. To ensure comprehensive engagement, we curate a variety of activities that cater to and enhance each of these senses. Physical education holds significant importance within education. At our school, we prioritize the inclusion of a diverse range of physical activities to ensure the well-being and fitness of our students. For half-day students, we offer physical education sessions three times a week, while full-day students engage in these activities on a daily basis. By providing regular opportunities for physical exercise, we aim to promote good health and ensure that our students maintain an active lifestyle. Our school embraces the principle of freedom in education, allowing children to learn in their own unique way and at their preferred pace. We firmly believe in providing a well-rounded education that includes the teaching of morals, values, and spirituality. By imparting knowledge about right and wrong, we empower children to make informed decisions and grow into responsible individuals. Additionally, we foster an environment where exploring spirituality is encouraged, enabling students to find meaning and purpose in their lives, contributing to their overall personal growth. The ultimate goal of education is the spiritualization of the individual. We help children to develop their spiritual nature.

We firmly hold the belief that adhering to these principles of Maharshi Sri Aurobindo, we will enable our students to unlock their maximum potential and develop into individuals with a comprehensive set of skills and qualities.

# THE SUN'S SIGNIFICANCE AND CULTIVATING POSITIVE HABITS



To know better about Sun

An English Educator Ms. Hetal Trivedi led an engaging session with her students on the topic of "The Sun: A Vital Force Shaping Our World". The primary objective was to help students comprehend the significance of the sun as a vital force and its far-reaching impact on our planet.

During the session, students enthusiastically discussed the value of cultivating good habits, such as maintaining a consistent sleep schedule by going to bed early and waking up early. The ultimate aim of this discussion was to instill in them a deeper understanding of the importance of incorporating positive habits into their daily lives for personal growth and well-being.



*Cheerful Welcome of*  
**KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN**



A cheerful welcome helps kindergarten children, for their positive start to their school journey.

To make this journey more exciting and happy, "Rainbow Day" was organized for our tiny tots. Kids were welcomed with "Tilak Ceremony".

Students relished yummy pastries while celebrating Rainbow Day.

At the end of the celebration. students received cute gifts from their mentors.



## Drawing IHC Competition

An incredible journey of our students' hidden talents through the medium of art. The recently concluded "IHC Drawing" event was a captivating spectacle, providing a platform for students from grades I to XII to showcase their boundless artistic abilities.

This remarkable initiative aimed to foster the recognition and nurturing of each child's unique identity through their artistic expressions. With diverse topics assigned to each grade level, our students unleashed their creative prowess and left us awe-inspired by their extraordinary artistic manifestations.

Witnessing the tremendous artistry displayed by our young prodigies was nothing short of a masterpiece in itself.





# HARMONY IN MOTION: INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY CELEBRATION AT GREENWOOD INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

A Celebration of International Yoga Day took place at GWIS on 21st June 2023 where students of grade I to XII participated enthusiastically.

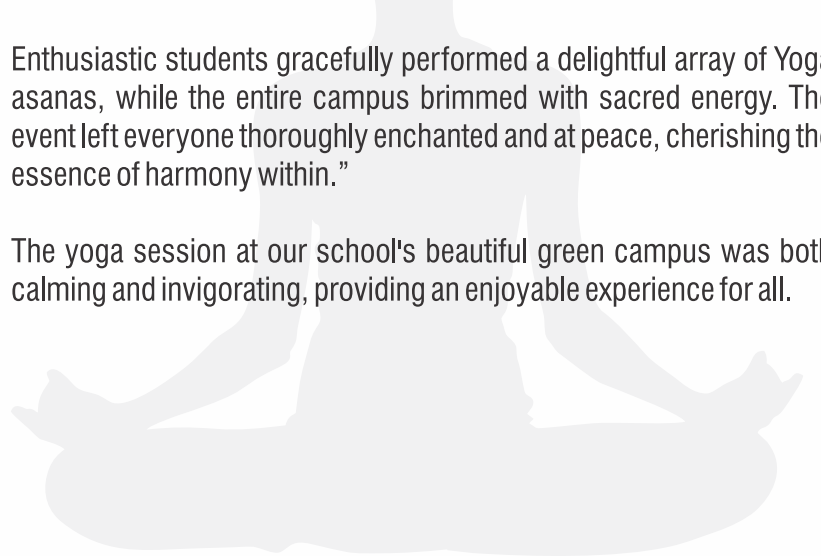
The idea of International Yoga Day was first proposed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 27th September, 2014, during his speech at the UN General Assembly, where a resolution to establish 21st June as International Yoga Day was introduced by India's Ambassador, Asoke Kumar Mukerji.

21st June was chosen as it is the Summer Solstice, the day where there is the most sun out of every other day of the year. Overall, it received support from 177 nations, the highest number of co-sponsors for any UN resolution, proclaiming 21st June as the International Yoga Day.

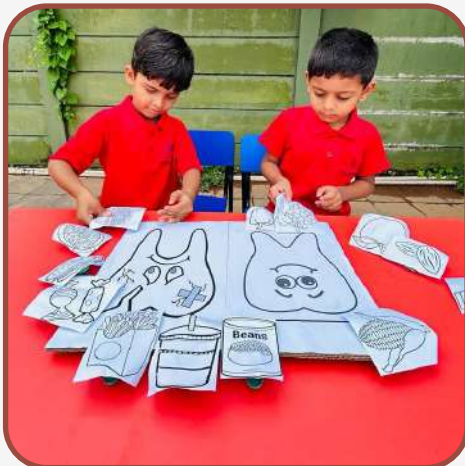
On the auspicious occasion of International Yoga Day, the tranquil morning at Greenwood International School commenced with a rejuvenating Yoga session. The vibrant young Greenwoodian Yogis, along with dedicated teachers and skilled Yoga instructors, immersed themselves in the calming practice.

Enthusiastic students gracefully performed a delightful array of Yoga asanas, while the entire campus brimmed with sacred energy. The event left everyone thoroughly enchanted and at peace, cherishing the essence of harmony within."

The yoga session at our school's beautiful green campus was both calming and invigorating, providing an enjoyable experience for all.







## NURTURING LIFE SKILLS FOR OPTIMAL ORAL HEALTH : **A JOURNEY TO BRIGHT SMILES!**

Life skills are an integral part of a child's education, equipping them with essential knowledge and values to navigate various aspects of life successfully. Among these skills, understanding the importance of dental hygiene and maintaining healthy teeth is crucial.

At GWIS, our dedicated Prep Educators Ms. Janvi Vyas, Ms. Ekta Anand and Ms. Foram Damani have taken a proactive approach to instill these vital life skills in our young learners. We aim to create awareness about proper dental care and the impact of our choices on oral health.

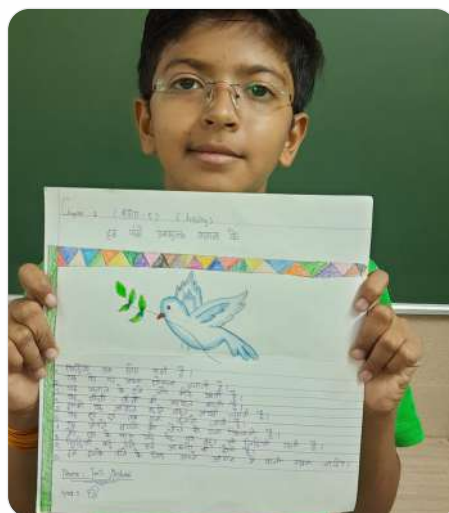
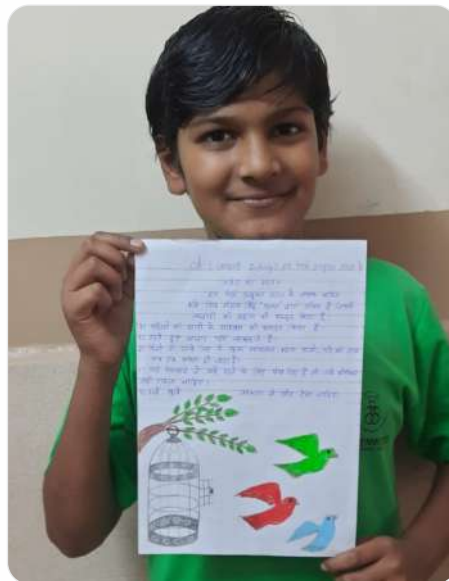
Through our innovative approach of utilizing a denture model, educational posters, and interactive discussions, we empower our young learners to take charge of their dental hygiene and make informed choices for a lifetime of bright smiles. By instilling these valuable life skills, we pave the way for healthier, happier, and more confident individuals who can tackle life's challenges with a beautiful smile.

## WHIMSICAL WINGS : UNVEILING THE ENCHANTING LIVES OF BIRDS THROUGH ILLUSTRATIONS

In Hindi subject, under the guidance of our Educator Mrs. Deepa Chauhan, students have displayed their creativity. Their creative endeavors revolved around the enchanting world of birds, as they poured their thoughts onto paper and brought their imaginations to life with vibrant illustrations.

Through their exploration, they came to realize the deep-seated desire of birds to take flight, gracefully navigating the open skies. The students discovered that the avian creatures harbor an innate distaste for the confines of a cage, yearning instead for the boundless expanse of nature.

This newfound wisdom has sparked a profound appreciation for the importance of preserving the freedom of these majestic beings, ensuring that they are not deprived of their natural habitat.



## DISCOVERING BALL COLORS THROUGH SORTING

# A COLOURFUL EXPLORATION



The Colour Sorting Ball Set is a popular sorting activity designed for toddlers, as they are at a stage where they naturally gravitate towards creating order and consistency in their environment.

The main aim of this activity is to enhance their cognitive skills such as visual discrimination, pattern recognition, and problem-solving abilities.

It also helps kids to grasp basic concepts like similarities, differences, and grouping.

They enjoyed this activity and learnt to identify and categorized objects based on shared characteristics, which is an important skill for cognitive development.

This colorful journey was guided by our talented Prep educator, Ms. Rashmi Chhabariya. With her passion for teaching and unwavering commitment to nurturing young minds, Ms. Rashmi embarked on an engaging activity that left a lasting impact on our students.



## GREENWOODIANS LEARNING CREATIVE **PATTERNS**



Creating patterns with cardboard cutouts offers a fun and engaging alternative for children to learn patterns beyond traditional methods like chalk and talk. This activity provides children with the opportunity to explore and understand various patterns, such as standing lines, sleeping lines, curves, and zigzags by using cutout shapes.

Our little Greenwoodians learnt to identify and replicate different types of patterns, fostering skills in pattern recognition and visual discrimination.

It was a dynamic and enjoyable experience for kids to learn and reinforce pattern concepts. Under Ms. Anisha Tarwani's expert guidance, the classroom came alive with enthusiasm and curiosity.

## Visit to **ROTARY DOLL'S MUSEUM**

Museums enable people to explore collections for inspiration, learning and enjoyment. They are institutions that collect, safeguard and make accessible artefacts and specimens, which they hold in trust for society.

A museum is a place where artefacts and other historical articles are stored, which tells the future generation about their ancestral past.

A visit to the Doll's Museum was organized for Our beloved Greenwoodians. Students were happy after exploring dolls with different dresses of creativity.

It was an educational and cultural experience, where they could explore and appreciate the history, traditions, and diverse cultures represented through the dolls and exhibits in the museum.



## SCIENCE OLYMPIAD FOUNDATION



SOF stands for Science Olympiad Foundation which aims to promote scientific awareness, logical reasoning, and competitive spirit among students. SOF conducts various Olympiad exams, including the National Science Olympiad (NSO), International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO), International English Olympiad (IEO), and more. These exams provide a platform for students to showcase their knowledge and skills in Science, Mathematics, and language subjects. SOF's objective is to foster a love for learning, critical thinking, and problem-solving abilities in students through its Olympiad programs.



We are delighted to share the fantastic news of Avantika Thakur of Class 4 of her remarkable achievements in the SOF International Social Studies Olympiad, Gujarat Zone. Avantika has achieved an exceptional International Rank 4 and an impressive Zonal Rank 3 in the competition. We extend our warmest congratulations to Avantika for her outstanding performance. In recognition of her accomplishments, she has been awarded the prestigious ISSO-Zonal Gold Medal, along with a cash prize of Rs. 1250/- and a Certificate of Zonal Excellence. Avantika's dedication and hard work have truly paid off, and she serves as an inspiration to her peers.



We are thrilled to announce the another remarkable achievements of Reva Patel, Siya Barochia, Viha Kotadiya from class 1 in the SOF International English Olympiad 2022-23, Gujarat Zone. They have secured an impressive International Rank 10 and Zonal Rank 8 in the competition. We are proud of their outstanding performance and dedication. In recognition of their accomplishment, Reva, Siya and Viha have been awarded a Gift Certificate and a Certificate of Zonal Excellence. This achievement highlights their exceptional abilities in English and serves as an inspiration to their peers. Congratulations to all winners.



## THE BARD OF GREENWOOD: A POETIC JOURNEY

### MOTHER

Mom is a small word.  
But (she) contains the whole world.

For everything, I'm today  
My mother's love showed me the way.

Mom without you there's no cheer,  
For me you are always dear  
Because you make all my doubts clear.

I want to serve you always,  
I want to make you glee,  
Mom, without you, there would be no me.

I'll always be there.  
When & where ever you need,  
I'll always be with you,  
without any greed.

Because you always hold my hand  
in every situation,  
With you I have joy, peace and satisfaction.

You showed me the way  
to serve a preserve,  
Everything in world is small  
in front of your love.

Thank you mom  
I always love you  
And I always will."

**By : Dalbir Kaur**  
English Educator

### निर्भय

#### : LIVING FEARLESSLY

कभी बनना उड़ता पंछी,  
कभी बनना बहता पानी,  
जो तेरी मर्ज़ी है करना,  
निर्भय बनके सदैव जीना।

गुरुजन वडिल का आदर करना,  
दोस्तों से प्यार करना,  
तुम कर्म में अपने सच्चाई रखना,  
निर्भय बनके सदैव जीना।

सूरज जितना चमकना है तो,  
सूरज जितना जलना होगा,  
कभी गिरना, गिरके संभलना,  
निर्भय होके सदैव जीना।

**- Aatman Lalakiya**  
Class 9



## ART CORNER



BY : **HEMANSHI DHORDA**  
ART EDUCATOR



**ATHANG PATIL**  
**CLASS 7 A**

**SRIJA DAS**  
**CLASS 10**



## **RIISING STARS : OUR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS SHINE IN RAJKOT DISTRICT TOURNAMENT AND CAMP 2023-24!**



We are feeling proud to announce that the students who proudly represented our school in the Rajkot District Football League Tournament 2023-24, held in Rajkot have been successfully chosen to participate in the prestigious Rajkot District Football Camp 2023-24. Here are our champions.

### **U-14 Boys :**

Aryan Sangani, Khilan Loriya

### **U-17 Boys :**

Jash Pokar, Neel Baldha, Het Bhuva, Yuvraj Jadav



Congratulations to the talented and dedicated **Mananyasinh Jhala** on his incredible accomplishment of being selected in the prestigious Rajkot District Football Team! This is truly a testament to his hard work, skill and passion for the sports. It's a remarkable milestone.

## CONCEPT OF CONCAVE AND CONVEX LENSE



The objective of the activity is to facilitate the understanding of the concept of concave and convex lenses. Our educator, Ms. Nancy Makadiya, organized this activity with the intention of providing students with a thorough comprehension of the topic.

During the activity, Ms. Nancy Makadiya introduced both concave and convex lenses to the students. She explained the characteristics and properties of each type of lens, emphasizing their unique optical behavior. To enhance the learning experience, she used visual aids such as diagrams and models to demonstrate the shape and structure of the lenses.

By engaging in these activities, students were able to directly experience the diverging and converging nature of concave and convex lenses. They were encouraged to note their observations and discuss them with their peers.



## खान पान की बदलती तस्वीर

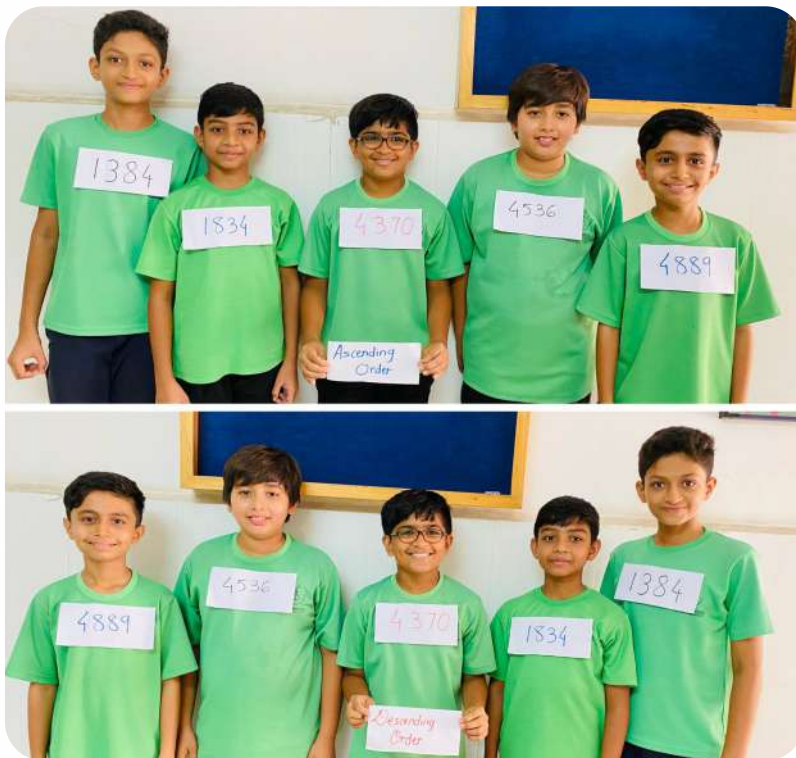


हमारे देश में हो रहे खानपान सम्बन्धी महत्वपूर्ण बदलावों की तरफ ध्यान आकर्षित करना ही इस गतिविधि का उद्देश्य है। इस से पता चलता है की लोग अब खाने में रूढ़िवादी नहीं है। हमारे आसपास खानपान की मिश्रित संस्कृति विकसित होती जा रही है।

आपने घर में देखा होगा कि पहले आपके दादा-दादी के जमाने में उन्हें क्या क्या खाने में पसंद था जैसे कि चना की भाजी, टमाटर की सब्जी, आलू की सब्जी, बैंगन की सब्जी यह सब पुराने जमाने के लोगों को ज्यादातर पसंद था लेकिन आजकल तो ऐसे ऐसे पकवान बनाए जाते हैं, ऐसा बदलाव आया है कि हम कोई भी पकवान घर पर बना सकते हैं। पहले तो लोगों को बनाना नहीं आता था तो लोग रोटी सब्जी खा कर ही खुश रहते थे। लेकिन, आजकल के लोगो को तो नई नई चीज नाश्ता में और खाने में चाहिए होती है। खानपान में आए बदलाव से जो उसकी नई संस्कृतियों बनी है उसके सकारात्मक पक्ष भी है। इन्हें बनाने में समय की बचत तो होती है। नई पीढ़ी देश विदेश के व्यंजनों को भी जानने लगी है। खानपान की इस नई संस्कृति में राष्ट्र को एक सूत्र में बांधने का कार्य भी किया है।

हमारे छात्रों ने विभिन्न प्रकार के खाद्य पदार्थ तैयार किए और अपनी पाक कृतियों को प्रदर्शित करने के लिए ओपेरा मे एक कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया। प्रदर्शन के बाद उन्होंने अपने दोस्तों के साथ इन व्यंजनों का लुत्फ उठाया। कार्यक्रम के दौरान, हिंदी शिक्षिका सुश्री ममता सिंह ने फास्ट फूड के सेवन के फायदे और नुकसान पर मार्गदर्शन प्रदान किया।

## DEVELOPING PLANNING AND SEQUENCING SKILLS THROUGH MATH EDUCATION

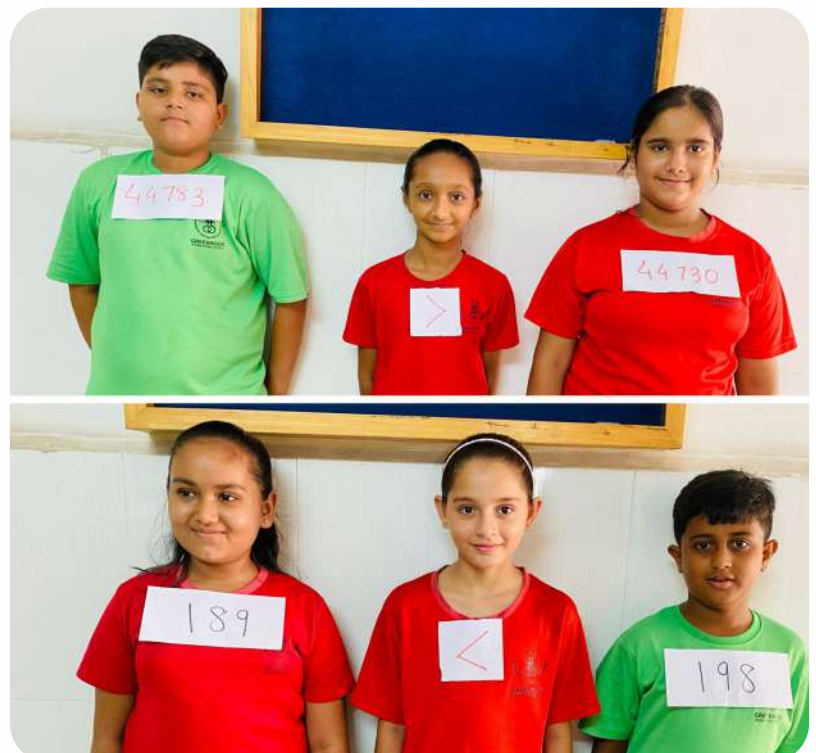


Ms. Sanam Makhani a Math Educator, guided students through an activity focused on planning and sequencing skills. Ms. Makhani explained that these skills have a significant impact on a child's ability to organize themselves and adapt to new routines, just like in Math where sequencing numbers is essential. During the activity, students learned to arrange numbers in ascending and descending order.

They were taught how to organize numbers from bigger to smaller as well as from smaller to bigger. The purpose was to help them develop a better logical and practical thinking approach to various tasks in their lives. Throughout the lesson, the children applied their understanding of cardinality and ordinality to effectively compare and order numbers.

This activity aimed to develop the students' number sense and enhance their relational number skills. During the activity, the students were presented with various numbers, and their task was to observe and analyze these numbers to determine which ones were greater or lesser. Through this process, they learned to grasp the concepts of "more and fewer", "greater than and less than", and "equal to". Additionally, they practiced the skill of arranging a group of numbers in a specific order.

By engaging in this activity, the students honed their ability to understand and work with numbers in relation to one another, which is a fundamental aspect of building a strong foundation in Mathematics. Ms. Sanam Makhani's guidance and expertise as a Math Educator greatly facilitated the students' learning and fostered their overall mathematical understanding.



## JOURNEY INTO THE INDUSTRIAL REALM :

A FASCINATING FACTORY VISIT FOR CLASS 11 & 12 COMMERCE STUDENTS BY THE **SPIRITED COMMERCE CLUB**



A business plan is a document that defines in detail a company's objectives and how it plans to achieve its goals. A business plan lays out a written road map for the firm from marketing, financial, and operational standpoints. Both startups and established companies use business plans. It is an important document aimed at a company's external and internal audiences. For instance, a business plan is used to attract investment before a company has established a proven track record. It can also help to secure lending from financial institutions.

Furthermore, a business plan can serve to keep a company's executive team on the same page about strategic action items and on target for meeting established goals. Although they're especially useful for new businesses, every company should have a business plan. Ideally, the plan is reviewed and updated periodically to reflect goals that have been met or have changed. Sometimes, a new business plan is created for an established business that has decided to move in a new direction.

An extraordinary and meticulously arranged factory visit took place at the esteemed Anmol Casting Private Limited, graced with the invaluable mentorship of Commerce Educators Ms. Alpana Pandey and Ms. Aarti Vyas. Students of class 11 and 12 commerce were guided by Mr. Anmol Bhojani, Mr. Paras Bhojani and Mr. Sameer Bhojani at Anmol Casting Private Limited. They have given the practical knowledge of Casting and Business Planning, Shared out their personal experiences of their Business start up and all the management till date and also about the process of casting.

All students have participated well and asked their queries related to the subject and understood about the process of Business as well as Casting.

This visit proved to be one major milestone as students have got the knowledge about Business Activities and Casting.



## METAMORPHOSIS OF **BUTTERFLY**



The Greenwoodians, under the skillful guidance of their EVS educator, Ms. Aesha Vyas, embarked on an exciting educational journey to explore the life cycle of butterflies through creative model-making. Ms. Aesha's innovative teaching approach involved hands-on activities to foster a deeper understanding of the subject matter.

With great enthusiasm, the students eagerly gathered art supplies and materials to construct their butterfly life cycle models. Each step of the butterfly's metamorphosis, from egg to caterpillar, pupa (chrysalis), and finally, a magnificent butterfly, was meticulously recreated by the young learners.

Throughout the process, Ms. Aesha encouraged active participation, engaging the students in discussions about the different stages and their significance in the natural world. The activity-based learning not only enhanced their cognitive skills but also promoted teamwork and creativity.

## "मात्राओं की घड़ी: भाषा कौशल्य का सफर"



विधा दवे शिक्षिका के मार्गदर्शन में, कक्षा २ के छात्रों ने रंगीन कागज़ का उपयोग करके एक रोचक और ज्ञानवर्धक गतिविधि को सम्पन्न किया। इस गतिविधि के माध्यम से, छोटे शिक्षार्थी सभी मात्राओं की पहचान कर पाने के साथ-साथ उन्हें अलग-अलग शब्दों को बनाने का सौभाग्य प्राप्त हुआ। इस गतिविधि से बच्चों के भाषा कौशल्य की प्रगति हुई और वे हिन्दी भाषा में आत्मविश्वास से सम्मान्यता हासिल कर लिया। विधा दवे शिक्षिका के साथ ऐसी गतिविधियों का आयोजन छात्रों के शिक्षाकार्य में रूचि और समर्थन उत्पन्न करने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाते हैं।

## WALKING THROUGH FIRE: A JOURNEY TO ANGER RESOLUTION

Dear Students,

As we navigate through life, we may encounter situations that trigger emotions like anger or annoyance towards our classmates, relatives, or family members. However, it is crucial to recognize that if left unchecked, these emotions can lead to significant problems in the future. Let's take a moment to read a story that illustrates the consequences of anger. By understanding the potential impact of our actions, we can learn valuable lessons and work towards managing our emotions in a more constructive and positive way.

Once upon a time there was a little boy who was talented, creative, handsome, and extremely bright. A natural leader. But he used to have a hard time controlling his temper. People were hurt when he was angry. So his father gave him a bag of nails and a hammer and said, "Every time you get angry, hammer one nail into the fence in your backyard."

The first few days, the boy hammered so many nails that he emptied half the bag. Over the weeks, the number of nails he hammered into the fence reduced, and gradually his temper was under control.

Then came a day when he didn't lose his temper at all. His father asked him to remove one nail each day that he managed not to lose his temper. His father told him, "You've done a good job, but do you see holes in the walls?" As when you say mean things in anger, you will leave a scar in the person's mind, just like the nails did to the fence.

So Dear students moral of the story is anger is a dangerous weapon like a knife. There is a scar when you put a knife in a person and pull it out.

### Here I am sharing some important points for controlling anger :

- Take deep breaths to calm down.
- Count to 10 before reacting.
- Express yourself calmly.
- Practice empathy to understand others' perspectives.
- Step away from the situation if possible.
- Engage in physical activity.
- Use humor to lighten the mood.
- Do relaxation techniques like meditation daily.
- Seek support from friends, family, or counselors.
- Reflect on triggers and develop strategies to manage them.

May you enjoy a life filled with peace and serenity.

Regards,  
**Dr. Hetal Parikh**  
Principal  
Greenwood School





### School Campus :

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