



Pradnya Niketan Education Society's
THE ORCHID SCHOOL

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Primary Term I Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

As we enter the second term of this academic year, I'm thrilled to reflect on the incredible journey we've shared so far. The past few months have truly highlighted the dedication and resilience of our students, teachers, school community, and, of course, our supportive parents. Your continued partnership has been vital in fostering a positive and thriving environment for our learners.

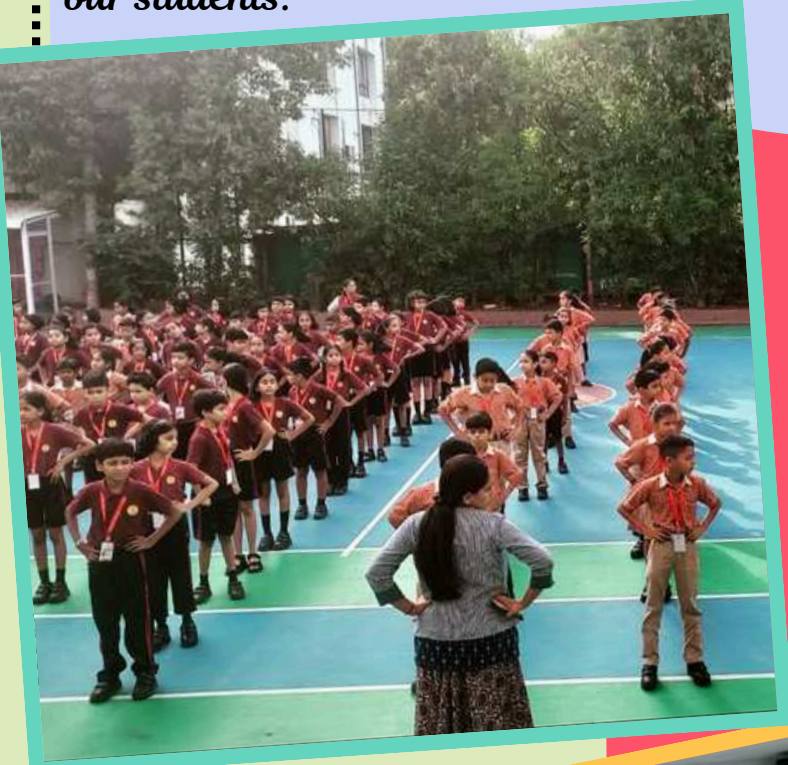
I'd also like to take a moment to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our amazing team of teachers. Their unwavering commitment, creativity, and genuine care for each child's growth and well-being have made a profound impact on our students' experiences.

As you continue reading, you'll find snapshots of the enriching learning experiences our students have enjoyed this term.



Our Assemblies

Our school assemblies are a vibrant platform for student engagement, awareness, and celebration. From fitness and school safety to mental health and nutrition, we aim to instill values and life skills. Assemblies are a space where we come together to learn, celebrate, and grow as a school community, fostering the holistic development of our students.



Assembly Highlights- Moments of Impact!

- *Fitness Assembly*
- *Good Touch Bad Touch session*
- *School Safety Plan*
- *Class assembly presentations*
- *Musical assemblies*
- *Recitation assemblies*
- *Hindi / Yoga Day celebrations*
- *Aashadi Ekadashi celebration*
- *Sleep & Screen time*
- *Nutrition in your tiffin*
- *Mental Health*
- *Updates on late coming, uniforms, study time & home work.*
- *Independence Day*
- *Reading trophies*
- *Celebrating special achievements of our students.*



Our Assemblies



Celebration of Important Festivals and Days

- ***Hindi Diwas***

Hindi Diwas was celebrated with great enthusiasm at our school, honouring the richness of the Hindi language and its cultural significance. Students and teachers participated in various activities, including poetry recitation and quizzes all of which highlighted the beauty and importance of Hindi in our daily lives.



- ***Aashadi Ekadashi***

Aashadi Ekadashi was celebrated with devotion and joy at our school, reflecting the cultural and spiritual essence of this sacred day. Students and teachers came together to participate in a range of activities, including traditional songs, dances, and storytelling that highlighted the significance of Lord Vitthal and the pilgrimage to Pandharpur.

The celebration fostered a deeper connection to our cultural roots, making it a meaningful and enriching experience for everyone.



Celebration of Important Festivals and Days

- ***Janmashtami***

Janmashtami was celebrated by Grade 1 students with great excitement and devotion at our school, marking the birth of Lord Krishna. The event featured lively performances, including dances, skits, and songs that brought the stories of Krishna's life to life. Students enthusiastically participated in the traditional "Dahi Handi" activity, symbolizing the spirit of teamwork and joy. Through these activities, students not only embraced the cultural heritage but also learned important values of love, compassion, and righteousness.

The celebration created a festive and spiritual atmosphere, making it a memorable day for all.



Celebration of Important Festivals and Days

• Grandparents' Day

Grade 1 students joyfully celebrated Grandparents Day, expressing their deep love, affection, and appreciation for their grandparents. The day was filled with heartwarming moments as children and grandparents strengthened their bond, making the occasion truly special. Some grandparents even traveled from distant towns to share in this memorable experience with their grandchildren.

The children sang heartfelt songs, engaged in fun art activities, played interactive games, and proudly showed their grandparents around their classroom. They also created lasting memories with photographs and presented their grandparents with handmade rosettes, each adorned with a thoughtful message. The day was filled with emotion, bringing many to tears of joy, and leaving everyone with cherished memories.



Celebration of Important Festivals and Days

Yoga Day

Primary students celebrated Yoga Day with enthusiasm and energy, participating in a series of yoga sessions designed to promote physical and mental well-being. Guided by their teachers, the students practiced various asanas, breathing exercises, and mindfulness techniques. The event emphasized the importance of yoga in fostering balance, flexibility, and inner peace, leaving the children refreshed and focused for the day ahead. It was a wonderful opportunity to instill healthy habits and mindfulness at a young age.



Field Trips - Grades I & II

At our school, we believe that learning extends far beyond the classroom walls, giving students opportunities to experience real-world applications of their studies.

This year, our Grade I students visited the local fire station, where they had an interactive session with the firefighters. They learned about the essential tools used in firefighting and discovered the important duties these brave professionals perform daily.

Grade II students, as part of their study on plants, enjoyed an educational trip to the Enchanted Garden. There, they explored a wide variety of plant species, deepening their understanding through hands-on learning and close observation of nature's diversity.



Field Trips - Grades III & IV



As part of their EVS chapter on the Solar System, Grade III students embarked on an educational visit to the Planetarium, where they enhanced their understanding of constellations and the wonders of the universe. Meanwhile, Grade IV students visited a handmade paper factory, gaining a firsthand look at the meticulous process of paper-making and learning about the operations of a small-scale industry. They also made their own paper in school.



These immersive experiences are designed to bridge classroom learning with practical, real-world insights, making education more meaningful and engaging for our students.



Creative Connections: Sing, Create, and Innovate with Parents

Grade 1 : Sing Along with Parents

The first event for our Grade 1 students was a delightful Sing-Along, where they eagerly showcased the songs and poems they had learned in class, tied to their current concepts. With great enthusiasm, students sang joyfully in all three languages, accompanied by their parents.

The parents actively participated, cherishing the opportunity to sing alongside their children and expressing admiration for their confidence and enthusiasm. It was a heartwarming experience that brought families together through music and learning.



Creative Connections: Sing, Create, and Innovate with Parents

Grade 11 : Art with Parents

The Grade 11 "Art with Parent" event was a wonderful opportunity for students and parents to bond through creative expression.

Together, they crafted beautiful artworks, strengthening their social-emotional connection while enjoying quality time.

The event highlighted the calming power of art, leaving everyone with lasting memories of a peaceful and joyful experience.



Creative Connections: Sing, Create, and Innovate with Parents

Grade IV : STEAM with Parents

At the STEAM with Parents event, Grade IV students teamed up with their parents for a fun and engaging hands-on challenge. Together, they were tasked with designing and constructing a sturdy tower using only paper and tape. This exciting activity sparked curiosity in science, technology, engineering, art, and math, while fostering teamwork and creativity. The event not only encouraged critical thinking and problem-solving but also strengthened the bond between students and their parents through collaborative learning.



Making Learning Visible (MLV) - Grade I

Making Learning Visible (MLV) is all about involving parents in their child's educational journey, offering insight into the how, why, and what of their learning. By presenting their knowledge to others, students make their learning more meaningful and memorable. MLV focuses on the child's active participation and ownership of their academic progress.

Grade 1 students confidently showcased the concepts they've been exploring across all subjects, including the three languages, EVS, and Math. Through poems, discussions, and games, they interacted with parents, answering questions and demonstrating their understanding. The event highlighted their sense of responsibility, leaving both teachers and parents proud of their achievements.



Learning fair - Nagpanchami (Sarpotsav)

Grade IV

The Learning Fair provides students with a platform to develop and showcase a variety of skills, from theatre and public speaking to fine arts, fostering their stage confidence and creativity.

Grade IV students celebrated the festival of Nagpanchami, blending cultural appreciation, environmental consciousness, and artistic expression into a rich learning experience.

True to its purpose, the Learning Fair was a multidisciplinary exploration, illustrating how language, art, dance, and literature can come together to create an immersive and meaningful experience, reflecting the diverse forms of human expression.



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Grade IV



Concert - Vanotsav

Grade III

The Vanotsav Multilingual Concert provided a creative platform for students to showcase their talents while exploring themes of nature and conservation. Through theatre, art, and language, the concert promoted environmental awareness and instilled a deep sense of responsibility towards protecting our planet.

This year, Grade III students focused on forests, emphasizing their vital role in nature. Their presentations left a lasting impression, encouraging the importance of preserving and sustainably managing these precious natural resources.



Concert - Vanotsav

Grade III



Visitors

Grade II

Grade II students recently celebrated World Nature Conservation Day by focusing on the importance of environmental preservation. As part of their learning about plants, they participated in a special session with Mr. Kotgire from Yogkshem, a subsidiary of the Vasundhara Abhigyan Organization, where they explored the vital role of trees in conservation efforts.

During the session, the children were encouraged to adopt and nurture a sapling at home until it is ready to be planted back into nature, where it will grow into a strong tree, providing shelter for birds and animals. This initiative aimed to foster a sense of responsibility and accomplishment in the students, highlighting their role in giving back to the environment.

Several students have eagerly adopted saplings and are proudly taking care of them at home, contributing to a greener future.

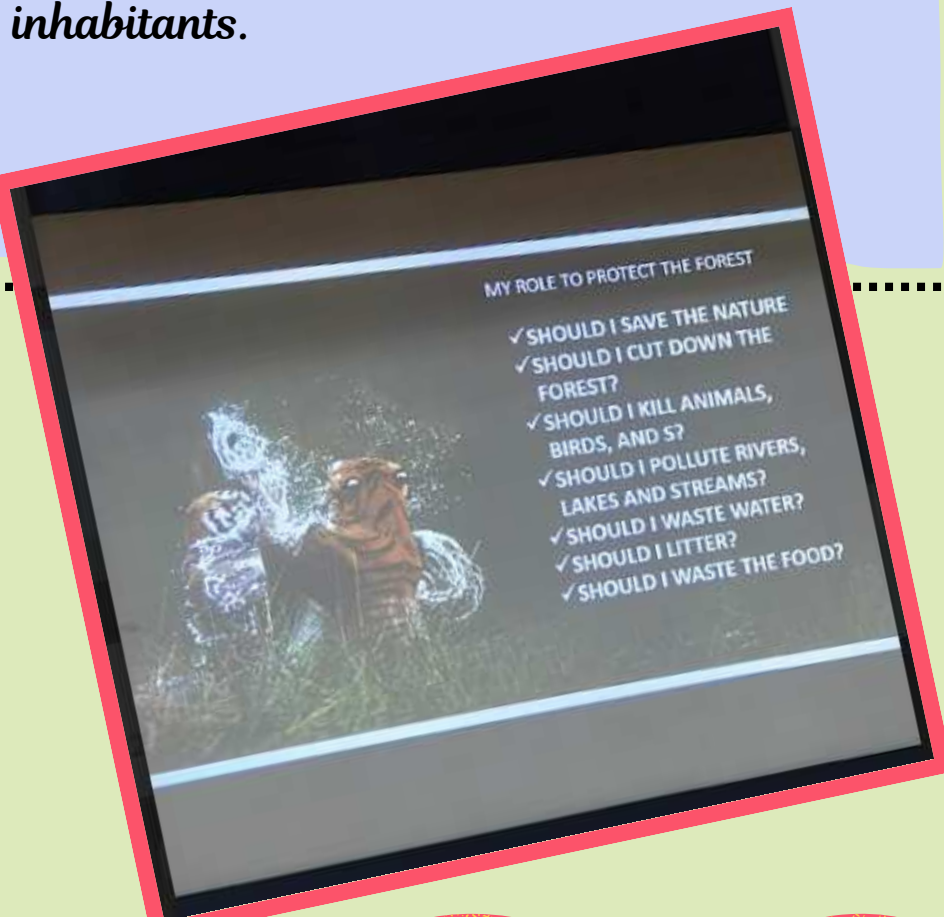


Visitors

Grade III

Mr. Khade, one of our parents and an esteemed TFS officer, conducted an engaging session with our Grade III students, where he shared insights about the Tadoba Forest in Chandrapur district. He emphasized the importance of environmental preservation and highlighted the vital connections between humans and animals.

Mr. Khade also introduced the students to the rich biodiversity of the Tadoba Forest, showcasing the various species of birds and animals that call it home. His session helped deepen the students' understanding of the delicate balance between nature and its inhabitants.



Visitors

Grade IV

The Grade IV Learning Fair centered on promoting awareness about snake conservation and protection.

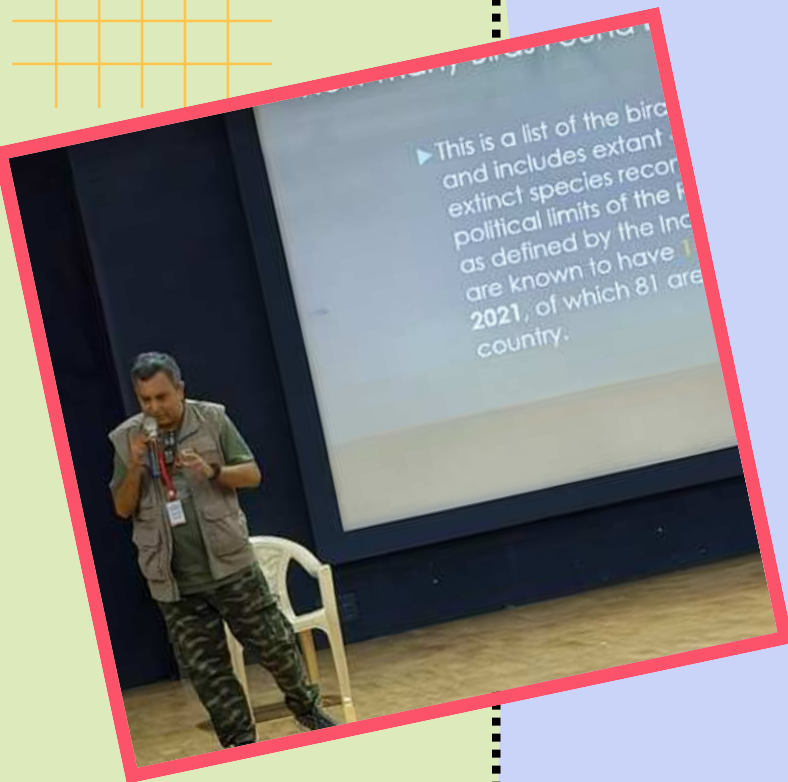
We had the privilege of hosting experts from the Foliage Group, who are also certified Sarpmitras (Friends of Snakes). They provided fascinating insights, debunking common myths about snakes and sharing essential guidelines on how to respond safely when encountering one.



Visitors

Grade III & IV

Dr. Rahul Bhagwat, a dedicated wildlife wanderer, captivated students with fascinating stories from his travels across India's forests and wildlife sanctuaries. As an avid bird watcher and photographer, he shared his experiences of connecting with nature and emphasized the importance of conservation. Through his stories, he also explained interesting wildlife facts, which students were eager to hear and thoroughly enjoyed. Dr. Bhagwat's passion for preserving nature left a lasting impact, inspiring students to appreciate and protect the environment.



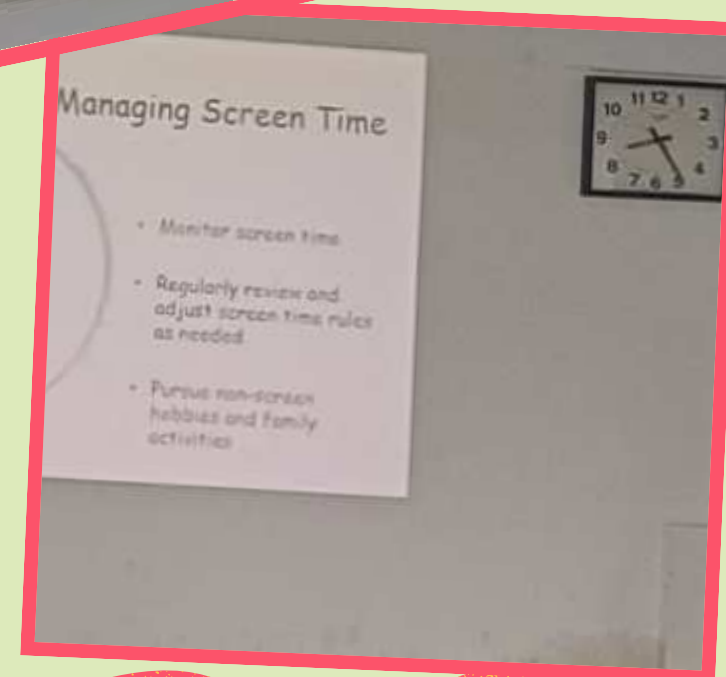
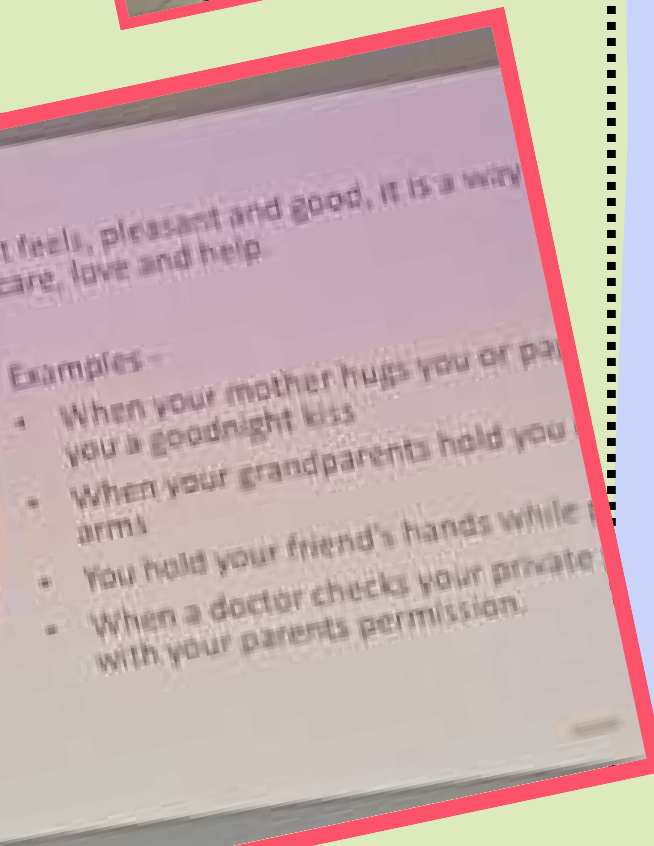
Wholesome Wellness Programme

The importance of maintaining good health was explained by re-introducing the initiative of eating healthy items like green vegetables, salads and millets in school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday respectively.

LSO classes were conducted to help students become more self-aware and to help them get a better understanding of themselves.

Assembly presentation -

1. We are different but yet the same and respecting others is important
2. Responsible Screentime
3. Important of health and nutrition
4. The importance of the connect between Mental and Physical Health
5. Safe and unsafe touch
6. Understanding the behaviour monitor

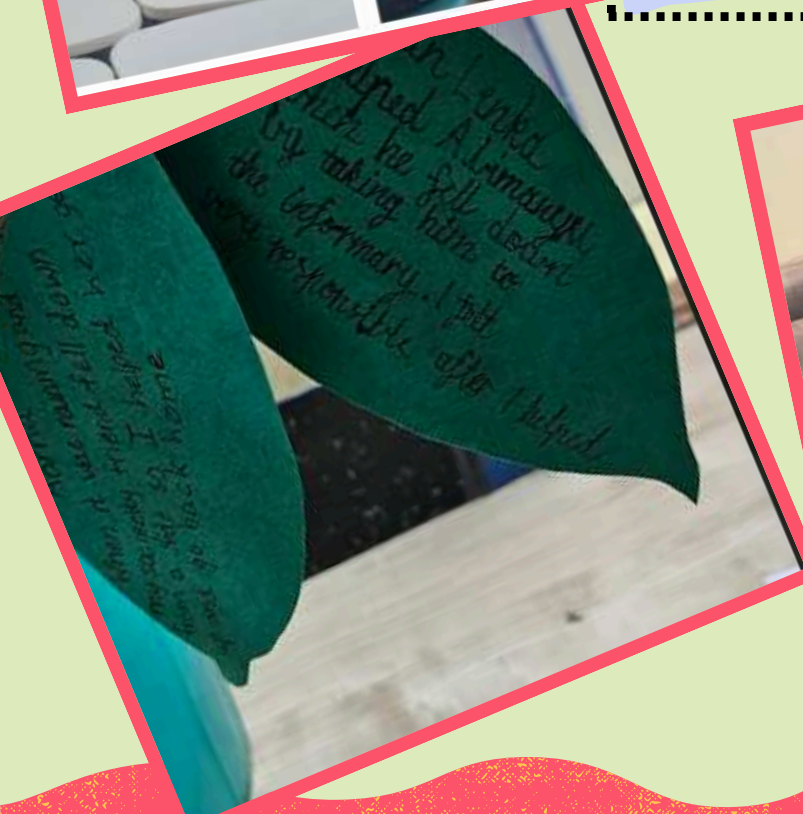


Theme Activity - Peace Within and Around Me

Over the past few months, our students have actively engaged in various activities centered around the theme of peace.

These activities aimed to help students understand the importance of inner calm, empathy, and kindness with others.

Through reflective discussions, mindfulness practices, and creative projects, students explored ways to cultivate peace within themselves and share it with others.



Theme Activity

Peace Within and Around Me

Kindness towards House Help

Name: Agratya Class name: Flamingos Date: 10/02/24

Sr No.	Act of Kindness towards House Help	10-08-24 Sat	11-08-24 Sun	12-08-24 Mon	15-08-24 Thurs	17-08-24 Sat
1	Open the door and offer a smile.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Offer a glass of water or any beverage to parents/ grandparents/ house help/ society housekeepers	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Do extra chore-Folding clothes/ putting clothes/dusting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Arrange the shoes in the shoe stand.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Clean your room.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Clear the table after breakfast/ lunch/ dinner.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Arranging utensils in the kitchen.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	If the house help is drenched in rain, give her/him clothes to change or donate basic things/ clothing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9	Ask your house help about their day.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Ensure that the trash is sorted according to wet/ dry waste.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11	Write a kind note/ make a card to	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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12	Include her/ him in celebrations/ tie a rakhi to your house help.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Reflection:

Did you feel at peace by showing the act of kindness? If yes, express what made you feel at peace and why?

Yes I did feel peace by act of kindness. Because my room was clean and I felt happy.



Dear Students,

As we reflect on the past few months, we are sure that each of you has gained meaningful experiences and learned valuable lessons.

With Term II ahead, we are excited to embark on another journey of fun, growth, and discovery. We encourage you to see every challenge as a stepping stone toward becoming even stronger and wiser.

On behalf of my team and Coordinator Pallabi Di, I send you my warmest wishes for an incredible Term II. Let's work together to make it a truly remarkable experience!

Wishing you all a joyful Diwali and a wonderful holiday season!

*Warm Regards,
Amarpreet Kotkar
Unit Head – Primary*

