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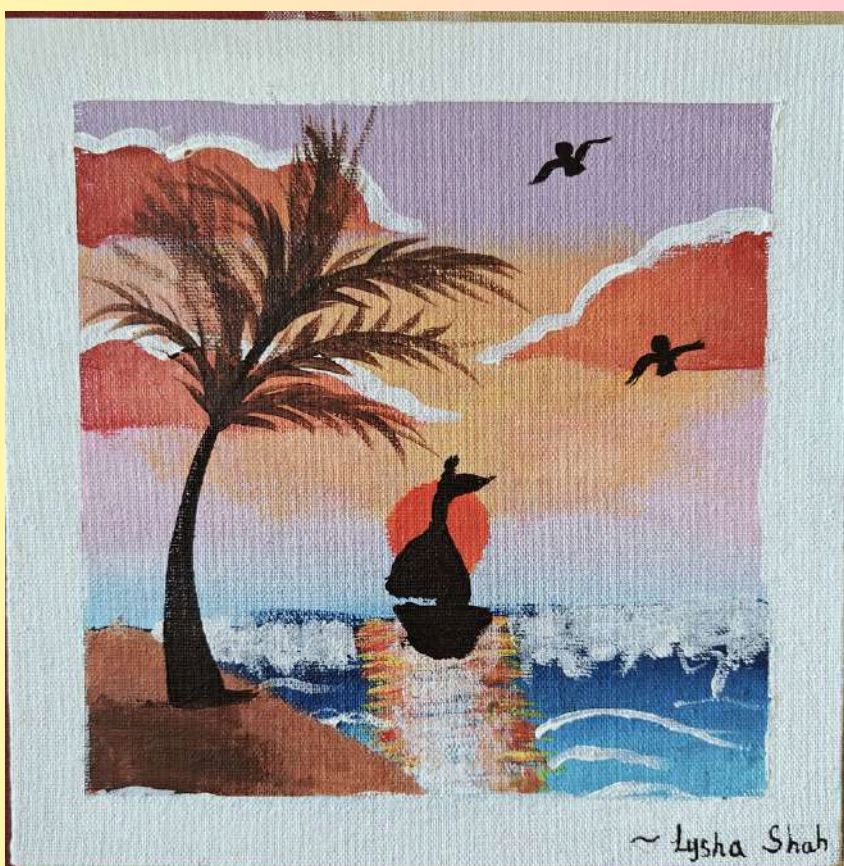


Picnic



Std. 10 Farewell

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Art by Lysha Shah - 4C



Art by Kritika Kedia - 10A

मनोरंजक हिंदी पहेलियाँ

एक हाथ है लकड़ी की डंडी,
बने हुए हैं इसमें आठ घर।
ज्यों-ज्यों हवा जाए उस भवन में,
त्यों-त्यों निकले हैं मीठे स्वर।
बाँसुरी

सोने की वह चीज है,
पर बेचे नहीं सुनार।
मोल तो ज्यादा है नहीं,
बहुत है उसका भार।
चारपाई

देखी रात अनोखी वर्षा,
सारा खेत नहाया।
पानी तो पूरा शुद्ध था,
पर पी न कोई पाया।
ओस

TEARS BEHIND BARS

Joyful moments great
Gender equality is said,
What will they think,
Will they even bother to care,
Is a question I ask myself
What should I do,
What can I learn,
To protect myself from the world.
The cries,
Screams hurt our ears,
But still we show a deaf ear
Why should we care,
What will we learn.
The world is full of hate
When will I learn
To make a difference in their lives,
What difference,
Can I make in the world
For myself,
But to make the world a better place,
For each girl and woman.
Each day think what will happen next.
Each day they think with fear in their minds
Deep down she's hurt and scared.
Not knowing what she is capable of.



Roseann D'souza, 6B

Christmas

The snow falls soft, a gentle sigh,
On rooftops white against the sky.
A fire crackles, warm and bright,
Casting long shadows in the night.



The children gather, eyes aglow,
Anticipation starts to grow.



Stockings hung with care and grace,
Awaiting gifts from Santa's place.

Carols fill the air so sweet,
A joyful sound, a rhythmic beat.
Families gather, hearts so warm,
Sheltered safe from every storm.



The spirit bright, a guiding star,
Shining hope from near and far.
Christmas comes, a time to share,
Love and joy beyond compare.



Vihaan Mitul Vadodaria - 6c

A Fresh Start: Ringing in the New Year

A Global Celebration of Hope and Renewal
The stroke of midnight on December 31st marks a significant moment across the globe – the transition into a new year. This annual event is a time of reflection, celebration, and anticipation, a moment when we bid farewell to the past and embrace the possibilities of the future.

A Tapestry of Traditions

New Year's Eve celebrations are as diverse as the cultures that observe them. In many Western countries, the night is filled with festive gatherings, vibrant parties, and the iconic countdown to midnight. The dropping of the ball in Times Square, New York City, has become a global symbol of this occasion. In other parts of the world, traditions vary significantly. In many Asian countries, the Lunar New Year is a major celebration, often marked by elaborate feasts, lion dances, and the exchange of red envelopes containing lucky money. In some Latin American countries, people wear special underwear on New Year's Eve, with the color chosen to influence their luck in the coming year.

A Time for Reflection and Resolution

Beyond the festivities, the New Year often serves as a time for personal reflection. Many people take stock of their accomplishments and shortcomings from the previous year, and use this introspection to set new goals and resolutions for the year ahead. Common resolutions include quitting smoking, losing weight, or pursuing a new hobby.

A Symbol of Hope

Ultimately, the New Year is a symbol of hope and renewal. It's a time to leave behind the challenges of the past and embrace the promise of a fresh start. As we step into the unknown, we carry with us the optimism that the year ahead will bring new adventures, new opportunities, and new joys. Happy New Year!

Vihaan Mitul Vadodaria - 6c

Playschool Picnic to Juhu Beach

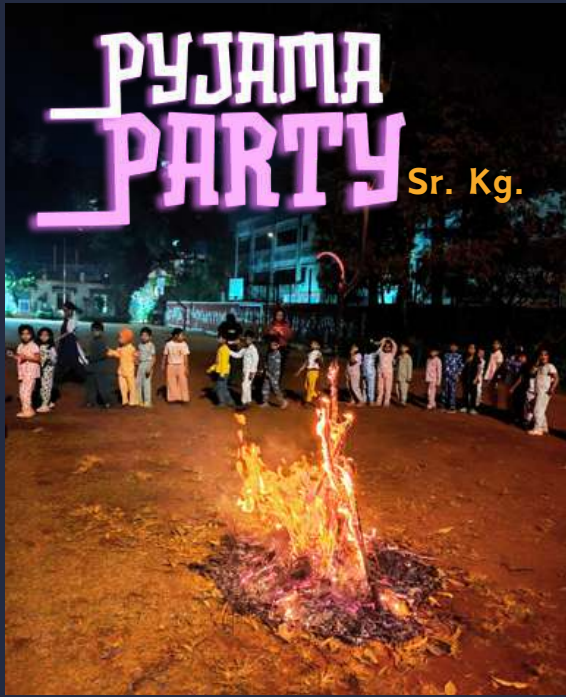


PVNS - ANNUAL SPORTS DAY



PVNS Sports Day, held on 1st February, was inspired by the 2024 Paris Olympics. Staying true to the spirit of the Olympics, our children practised, gave their best, and persevered. PVNS Sports Day showcased various sports contested at the Olympics, making the event not only entertaining but also educational for both children and parents.





A Festival of Fun and Facts

INTEGRATION



The students of Standard 5 successfully culminated their primary years with a vibrant and engaging programme titled A Festival of Fun and Facts.

The culmination programme was a resounding success, providing a platform for the students to celebrate their learning and showcase their talents. It was a memorable experience for everyone involved and served as a fitting conclusion to their academic journey. The event also highlighted the importance of collaborative learning, creativity, and self-expression.

Following the programme, the celebration transitioned into a graduation walk for the students of Standard 5. A special thank you to the parents of Aarti Shah (5C) for generously sponsoring the beautiful mementos presented to each graduating student, making the occasion even more special.





Republic Day



Teach.erat.hon 2024-25: A Celebration of AI-Powered Pedagogy

Lilavatibai Podar High School hosted Teach.erat.hon 2024-25, a prestigious event celebrating innovation in education. The event featured expert panel discussions, interactive workshops, and AI-integrated lesson planning challenges, bringing together educators and industry leaders. A key highlight was the AI Attackathon, where teachers collaborated to design AI-powered lesson plans in just one hour. Mr. Vishnu Mestry represented Vissanji Academy and won Second Prize, showcasing expertise in blending AI with creative pedagogy. This experience reinforced the importance of technology in learning, inspiring educators to explore new frontiers in teaching.

Some glimpses from Investiture Ceremony



WELCOME OUR NEW STUDENT COUNCIL



Head Girl : Bhargavi Raykar (9B)

Head Boy : Idhant Kothari (9B)

Sports Captain : Aashrav Vartak (9B)
Deputy Sports Captain : Rushil Kotian (8A)

Sera House

Captain : Arham Ahmed (9A)
Deputy Captain : Aashna Anjaria (8C)
Junior captain : Saara Bharti (4C),
Anuja Rao (4C)

Jokang House

Captain : Tashvi Shetty (9C)
Deputy Captain : Zahraa Shaikh (8B)
Junior captain : Ahaana Sahasrabuddhe (4A)
Vivaan Medda (4A)

Ganden House

Captain : Aangi Jain (9C)
Deputy Captain : Eshal Singhania (8B)
Junior captain : Ruhan Vaidya (4A)
Radhya Maheshwari (4B)

Drepung House

Captain : Aarya Salvi (9C)
Deputy Captain : Anya Kumar (8B)
Junior captain : Anvee Agrawal (4A)
Mrinank Hathi (4B)



We bid farewell to the Student Council of 2024-25, thanking them for their leadership and dedication in shaping a memorable year. Their commitment and hard work will continue to inspire future leaders.

PROJECT MUMBAI JANUARY ACTIVITIES

 Date: 24th January 2025

 Venue: Vissanji Academy Auditorium

 Participants: Project Mumbai Volunteers (Std. 5 to 8)

As part of Project Mumbai, students from std. 5 to 8 participated in three engaging activities promoting critical thinking, creativity, and sustainability. The Debate Competition on Plastic – A Boon or Bane? sparked insightful discussions, with the pro-plastic team winning based on clarity and the strength of their arguments. The Bag Painting Activity encouraged students to design eco-friendly cloth bags featuring messages on conservation and pollution control.

The Instrument-Making Activity reinforced the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling, as students crafted musical instruments using recycled materials such as cardboard boxes and plastic bottles. These activities successfully fostered awareness, creativity, and environmental responsibility, leaving a lasting impact on the participants.

Report By: Ms. Shaistha



CMCA Activity: Together for Change

On 12th February 2025, a CMCA session was conducted for Standard 7 students in the A.V. Room to instil values of empathy, critical thinking, and composite culture. Facilitated by CMCA, students worked in collaborative groups, conducting surveys and presenting their insights on these key topics. The activity encouraged deep reflection and discussion, helping students understand diverse perspectives and societal issues.

The session proved to be a valuable learning experience for both students and teachers. It enhanced civic awareness and encouraged students to become responsible and active citizens. Through engaging discussions and teamwork, students gained a broader understanding of social values, making this initiative both educational and impactful.

Report By: Ms. Sanaa Kurhade



ADIOS! A MEMORABLE FAREWELL

The std. X Farewell was a heartfelt event, meticulously organised by the teachers and std. 9 students. From décor and setup to logistics and entertainment, students took charge of various responsibilities, ensuring a seamless and memorable evening. The auditorium was transformed into a stunning space, complete with a brilliant photo booth. The programme began with an inspiring address by the Principal, followed by a lively entertainment segment featuring a skit and choreographed dances. A nostalgic video montage took students down memory lane, filling the hall with cheers, laughter, and hidden tears. Adding to the evening's significance, std. 10 students took a moment to felicitate the ancillary staff, recognising their dedication to the school. They were then presented with their class photographs, leading to the Candle Lighting Ceremony, where teachers showered blessings and prayers upon the outgoing batch. In return, the std. students expressed immense gratitude to std. 9 for a farewell they will cherish forever.





AN ADVENTUROUS TRIP TO SILVASSA

The much-anticipated trip took place on 17th January 2025, brimming with excitement from start to finish. The long bus ride was made even more enjoyable with singing sessions, lively conversations, and endless laughter.

Upon arrival, we took a short break before embarking on an action-packed day. The thrilling adventure park featured exhilarating rides, fun-filled games, and a high-energy DJ, setting the perfect mood. The refreshing swimming pool provided relief from the scorching heat, while the nature trail and lion safari offered breathtaking sights and unforgettable experiences. Our trip ended on a sweet note with a visit to the Parle biscuit factory, making it a truly memorable and remarkable journey!



Celebrating Success Beyond the Campus

Lizenka Karunakaran – Tennis Champion

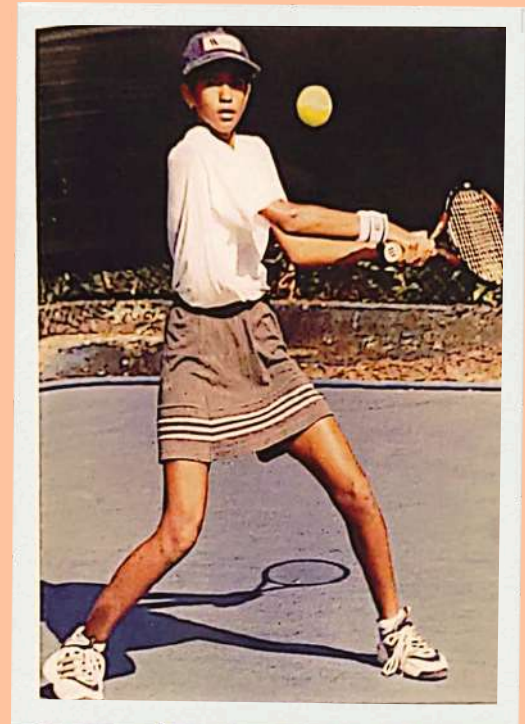
"My 13 years at L.R. & S.M. Vissanji Academy were filled with unforgettable memories—rushing to school, meeting friends, and eagerly waiting for break time to hit the throwball and basketball courts. The Annual Athletic Meet was always a highlight, bringing excitement, competition, and the thrill of winning medals."

Lizenka's tennis journey began at the age of 8 and continued until 14, during which she represented the school at state and national-level tournaments.

Achievements:

- 🏆 Ranked No. 3 in Maharashtra (Girls U-10)
- 🏆 Ranked No. 2 in Maharashtra (Girls U-12)
- 🏆 Winner of the Bombay Inter-School Championship (Girls U-12)
- 🏆 Winner of the Maharashtra Inter-School Championship (Girls U-12) – 1998
- 🏆 Won 9 state and national-level titles and Runner-up in 6 tournaments

Her journey is a testament to dedication and passion for sports, making Vissanji Academy proud.



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HOUSE POINTS

Sera – 189

Jokang – 179

Ganden – 166

Drepung – 130

Dear Students,

We are excited to invite you to contribute to our school newsletter's **March** edition! You have the opportunity to showcase your talent by submitting self-composed articles, poems, jokes, and sketches. The finest submissions will be featured in the magazine. Send your work to our official email address at waves@vissanjiacademy.com.

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