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IGCSE Mathematics World Toppers



Anay Gupta 96.9% & 8A* Math - 100/100





Maanas Katwala 96.8% & 8A* Math - 100/100

Well done! We are proud of each and every one of you!

Just when we thought this year couldn't get any better, we had yet another feather added to our cap. Our IGCSE students have made us proud once again by scoring stupendous scores. We are very proud of each one of our student's achievements and wish them all the best for all their future endeavours.



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Aahna Dattani



Arnav Subhedar



Khushi Bhayani



Eshan Pirani



Yojit Dixit





Eat, Pray, Love!

We welcome you with open arms, a broad smile, a loving heart, and a clear mind. We start the year with a vision of enabling you to be the best versions of yourselves every day. This is your home away from your home, your alma mater, your pride. The teachers are here to guide you, to advice you, to celebrate your mistakes, and to feel proud of your achievements. So, remember love someone or something like there is nothing more important, learn like it is a new day every day, pray like a soul eager to find its purpose and have fun like there is no tomorrow.

With Love, All your wonderful teachers







Professional development sessions are conducted for teachers at the beginning of the academic year. This year too teachers received rigorous training for their respective curriculums, enabling them to track and update assessments and new pedagogical techniques from an academic point of view. Professional development sessions also helps with processes pertaining to curricular and co-curricular activities.



























Keshav Srushti: A Day as an Ode to Nation, Nature, and Nurture!

AGS students from Grade 4 to IGCSE had a wonderful opportunity to witness flora and fauna in full spring on their field trip to Keshav Srushti on 8th July 2023. The students had a wonderful interaction with the staff members of the organisation and learnt many new things about nature and bio-diversity.







Special Assembly on No Poverty and Zero Hunger: SDG 1 & 2

What better way to sensitise students about the sustainable development goals other than a simulated environment where students participate and learn about real life problems and decisions that families and individuals living in poverty must take. Our IGCSE students created a reallife simulated environment where everyone sitting in the assembly was involved in taking decisions for each family thus understanding the struggles of people living in these poor conditions and dealing with hunger on a daily basis.









Changing the world one stretch at a time! AGS celebrating International Yoga Day (21st June 2023)

In a totally chaotic world yoga seems to hold the promise to bring back some semblance and make life a little more fit, flexible and fabulous!

Did you know?

Ancient Yogis believe that our breathing rate determines our life span.

The oldest Yoga teacher taught Yoga up to the age of 101.

The world's largest yoga lesson had 100, 984 attendees.





Millets are a Gourmet's Delight!

Millets are a superfood. They have been a part of the Indian diet for more than 4,000 years and with today's fast paced and modern life where foods laden with refined flour and unhealthy fats have caused various ailments, millets come in as a blessing with their low glycemic index and gluten-free qualities. AGS conducted a special assembly to commemorate this special food on 24th July 2023 where students highlighted the importance of the grain with a skit and dance.









Guest Speaker - Mrs. Neha Patel

AGS celebrated Gourmet's Delight Day with our guest speaker Mrs. Neha Patel, parent of Tvisha Modi on 24th July 2023. She shared all about the benefits of a primary millet diet and interacted with our students enlightening them about the super grains.





In our bid to promote a healthy diet and no food waste, our PYP learners had a hands-on activity conducted on 27th June 2023, highlighting the importance of how every plate can be packed with nutrition dense food which enriches the body as well as the soul.









From Mon Cheri to Pondicherry! The India-France Connection!

The Special Assembly on the French National Day celebrated on 10th July 2023 was centred around the French Indian connection and how Pondicherry became France of the East after its independence in 1964. It also focused on French as the language of love: love for dancing, love for singing and love for great music and food.









Health is Wealth!

Students of IGCSE Section had a one-to-one conversation about mental health with Dr. Pavan Sonar on 17th July 2023. Dr. Sonar is a mental health expert dealing with children and adults in the vicinities of Kandivali, Borivali and Malad. The students were happy to interact with him and understood how mental health of others as well as themselves is so crucial to human existence.





Hey come and see who visited us!

Say hello to Ellie the Elephant!

She is beautiful as well as elegant,

She is hurt but is not at all virulent,

In spite of facing brutality at the hands of the indolent,

She always feels love and is still exuberant.

She tells her tale of fortitude and valour,

To everyone who comes and visits her parlour,

Men, Women, and little children,

They all sit by her side,

To hear her story and how she took everything under her stride,

Faced all the odds and how she emerged with pride,

So, let's gather around and see the revenant,

She is Ellie, the cute little elephant!

- Rashmi Dubey, IGCSE Teacher











AGS at the Razmatazz Interschool Competition!

The secondary students from grades 6 to 9 participated in the Interschool music and dance competition held at S.M. Shetty School in Powai on 22nd July 2023. It was a wonderful experience for the students as they sang, danced and mesmerised the hall with their astounding performance. It was a good opportunity for the students to step out of their comfort zones to learn new skills and boost confidence.



Events & Competitions



Buddy Week

The Buddy week proved to be a time of togetherness and friendship when students interacted with their buddies across the grades, took part in games and activities where they supported each other and tied friendship ship bands, all displaying the true spirit of friendship. As elder students took the younger ones under the wings, we can say that friendship truly is a sheltering tree!





Choices Chart

PYP students are now learning to introspect on the choices they make and its impact on them through the Choices chart activity. The students from PYP 1- PYP 5, monthly, create goals for themselves for any two aspects of health which includes physical, social, mental, spiritual and emotional. Reflecting on the same at the end of each month is inculcating in them a habit of making better choice for a healthy lifestyle.



Ayaksha Session on Healthy lifestyle

Prevention is always better than cure! Ms. Kamna Desai from Ayaksha educated our young learners of PYP1 and PYP2 on the importance of following a healthy lifestyle. Students, who are inquiring into the theme-'Who we are', got a good insight on how they can practice following a healthy lifestyle.







Events & Competitions

Students from PYP 1 to PYP 3 participated in the Holistic writing event with zeal and enthusiasm. By choosing a topic and elaborating on the same, students displayed their writing skills. It was a good reinforcement of grammar mechanics, sentence structure and spellings as each child was determined to display their best ideas in the most creative form through writing.



Holistic Writing

Monsoon Magic

MONSOON MAGIC WEEK is the most awaited week where the Pre-Primary students enjoy the rain and feel the oneness withnature. They explored the corridor display like rainy wear, monsoon creatures and food items celebrating the magic of monsoon.





Poster Making Competition

Poster making competition was conducted for students from PYP 1- PYP 5 to bring out the creative expression of students. The topic for the competition was, 'Importance of Health and Well-being' which was the SDG goal for the month of July. This enabled students to highlight the significance of good health through art.

Field Trip: Shilonda Trail

Mr. Shubham definitely made our PYP 3 students knowledgeable during their field trip to Shilonda Trail, SGNP. Students witnessed the beauty of nature as they observed different plant and animal species and their habitats, which helped them make good connections with their unit on 'Endangered and Extinct Species'. They grew sensitive to species dependence on their habitats and our responsibility towards preserving them.





Guest speaker Sessions

We are thankful to **Mrs. Komal Desai** for her input as a guest speaker for the session on '**Being a Responsible Citizen."** The session helped PYP 1 students become more appreciative of the actions taken by community members in our society. Her selfless act of hair donation has indeed prompted our children to empathise with various people in our community and to emerge as more caring community members.



PYP 2 students are exploring all about simple machines in their unit. To strengthen their understanding of the concepts, our guest speaker, **Mr. Satish Sanchania**, proved to be very helpful. Through his session, students grew to be more knowledgeable about the tools being used in daily life, which are a part of simple as well as complex machines used for carpentry. The uses and importance of these machines were also highlighted.



Guest speaker Sessions

Panel Talk (PYP 2)

Maintaining a balance between the five health aspects is crucial! To shed some light on the same, PYP 2 were part of a panel discussion with our HOS ma'am, Mrs. Hima Doshi; Ms. Aarchi Vasani (school counsellor); Ms. Neha Shetty; Dr.Pooja Doshi and Mrs. Priyal Mehta. The Panel talk was indeed a good reinforcement for our learners of PYP 2, who are learning to make the right choices for themselves. The learners gained good insight about how to take care of themselves, keeping in mind health aspects like physical, personal, mental, social, and spiritual health.





Our school counsellor, **Ms. Aarchi Vasani**, took up a session on 'Handling Emotions', in each grade (PYP 1-PYP 5) wherein students were made aware of the various primary and secondary emotions. They also reflected on what leads to certain emotions and how they can manage them efficiently.







The Beauty of Poetry

Monsoon

Splish, splash, splish, splash, Here comes the rain, Some people think, it's such a pain, But to me, the monsoon is a boon, not a bane.

Walking on the marshy roads, I see little green toads, It is something you can't miss, This season is truly a bliss.

Flowing waterfalls from the mountain face, Greenery surrounding the whole place, Brings back merry moments, Spent happily with friends.

Hot corn, tea, fritters, smoothies, Are the most popular monsoon delicacies, Nobody wants to stay indoors, Just splash outside and avoid the chores.

Splish, splash, splish, splash! Here goes the rain, Splish, splash, splish, splash! Wish to see you soon again!

- by Kavya Mehta, (PYP 5 A)

Solace

In the realm of fiction, my heart did soar,
A love so deep, I couldn't ignore.
Characters crafted with words so fine,
Captivating my soul, intertwining with mine.

Their stories, enchanting, filled with desire, Yet their touch, their presence, mere flickers of fire.

I fell in love with figments of imagination, Yearning for a love that defied explanation.

But alas, the truth could not be denied, Fictional characters, forever confined. Though my heart may long for what can't be, I cherish the lessons they've taught me.

For in their stories, I found solace and grace, A reminder that love can transcend time and space.

So, I'll hold onto the memories we've shared, Knowing that in my heart, they'll always be there.

- by Maanya Sanghvi (Grade 8)

Tiger, Rhino Panda, Orangutan,
What is common in them?
Few say they all are wild animals,
Few say they all are mammals.
But are these all that's common in them?
They all are endangered and rare,
Why are they rare?
Because, we humans are not fair,
Hunting, poaching, and destroying their habitat,
Makes then rare.
So, let's all be fair.
And show them we care.

- by Vivaan Mavani (PYP3)



Don't be like Peter Patter

Jitter jitter, jitter jatter,
Jitter jatter, Peter Patter,
Peter Patter walking around,
Lo and behold, look what he has found!

Men of young and men of old, Chopping down the trees so bold, Every tree and every shrub, Fell to the ground with a silent blub!

Run! Run! Run! said Peter Patter
Save your own lives, run helter skelter!
The lush green forest was set ablaze,
Hunting animals was the latest craze!

If only they could speak, they would, We'd hear their cries if we understood, But, Run! Run! Run! said Peter Patter Save your own lives, run helter skelter!

Back at the home of Peter Patter,
The same men were breaking his quarters!
They wanted to build a massive dome,
On the very spot of Peter's home!

Where will you run Mr. Peter Patter?
What will you do now in this matter?
If only you had saved the world from shatter!
If only you had helped the species who scattered!

Jitter jitter, jitter jatter, Jitter jatter, Peter Patter, Jitter jitter, jitter jatter, Poor, poor Mr. Peter Patter

- by Ms. Sharon (HRT PYP3)

Independence Day

India my country, was absolutely free, The sacrifice and bravery of freedom fighters is what we see,

So many times, I have this thought, What would have happened if they hadn't fought?

But today we see it as we stand,
The progress of the country lay in our hands,
Let's get on the top of the winning stand,
Let's do it for our motherland.

To celebrate our 77th Independence Day, Let's get together to do something our way, Let's pledge to follow the rules our constitution lay.

And stand up to raise questions and have our say.

For change is the only permanent thing that will stay,

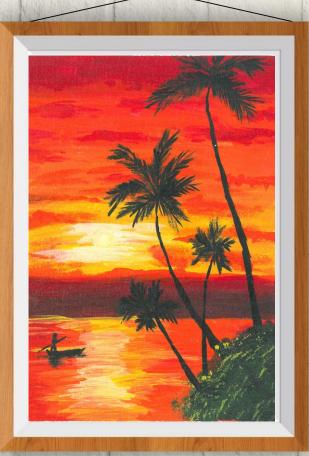
And we the youth of India take our country ahead as we may,

Let's put our best foot forward to play, So that our Tiranga flies high and sway.

Together let's promise today, As we celebrate our

77th Independence Day

- by Tanishka Gupta (Grade 6 B)



Kian Sheth - PYP5
Canvas Landscape Painting

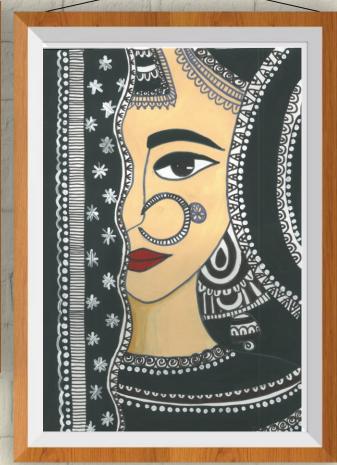




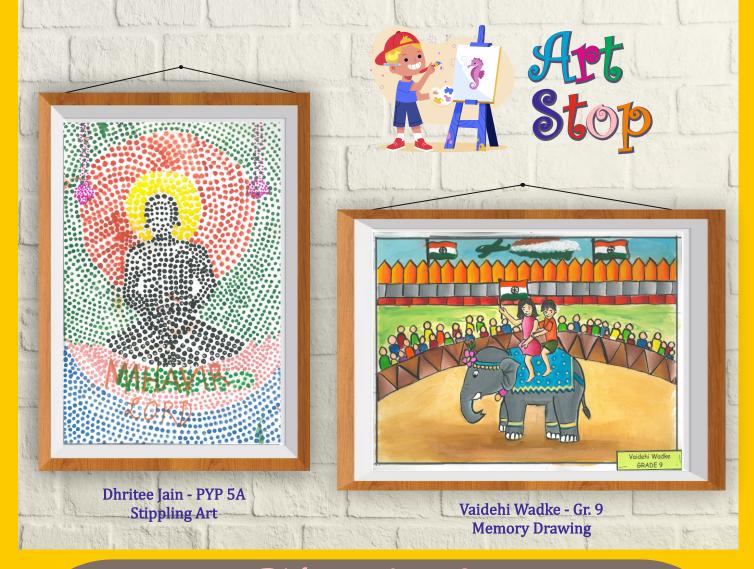
Dheer Narula - Gr. 7 Canvas Abstract Painting



Swara Surve - Gr.7 Canvas Landscape Painting



Anaya Doshi - Gr. 6A Gond Art



Did you know?



A group of flamingos is called a Flamboyance.

> Fred fed Ted bread and Ted fed Fred bread.

A synonym for cinnamon is a cinnamon synonym.

By Aayushi Kanaiya - Gr. 9



Fear of the number 13 is called Triskaidekaphobia.

> Which wrist watches are Swiss wrist watches?

I slit the sheet, the sheet I slit, and on the slitted sheet I sit.



The hashtag symbol is technically called an Octothorpe.





Q 1: Which of the following footballer has a world record of highest goal score for a single club?

- a. Lionel Messi (Barcelona FC)
- b. Pele (Santos FC)
- c. Gerd Muller (Bayern Munich)
- d. Fernando Peyrotes (Sporting CP)

Q 2: Neeraj Chopra won the first ever Olympic gold medal for India in which of the following sports?

a. 400 m hurdles b. Javelin Throw c. High Jump

d. Long Jump

Q3: In which of these cities the famous "Eden Garden" Stadium is located?

a. Mumbai c. Jaipur b. Delhi d. Kolkata

Q 4: Which of these awards is the highest sporting honour of India?

- a. Arjuna Award
- b. Dronacharya Award
- c. Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award
- d. Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar

Q 5: Who among the following is known as Flying Sikh of India?

a. Kapil Dev

c. Milkha Singh

b. PT Usha

d. Joginder Singh

Q 6: "The World Beneath His Feet" is a Biography of which of the following sporting personality?

a. Sachin Tendulkar

c. Pulela Gopichand

b. Nawab Pataudi

d. Ajit Wadekar

Q 7: Who among the following was the first recipient of Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna?

- a. Karnam Malleswari
- b. Viswanathan Anand
- c. Nameirakpam Kunjarani
- d. Karnam Malleswari

Q 8: The book 'Straight from the Heart' has been written

by which of the following sporting personality?

a. Sunil Gavaskar

c. Sachin Tendulkar

b. Imran Khan

d. Kapil Dev

Q 9: Which of these Badminton players became 1st Indian to win a gold medal in Badminton World Championship?

a. PV Sindhu

c. Srikanth Kidambi

b. Saina Nehwal

d. Parupalli Kashyap

Q 10: Who is the first and currently the only batsman to score double hundreds in four consecutive test series?

a. Virat Kohli

c. A.B. de Villiers

b. Roh<u>it Sharma</u>

d. Brian Lara



- by Amogh Ajit & Aaryan Kondvilkar

Crack the Rebus Puzzles

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Get it

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- by Mauli Shah

Cheese Nachos - by Mitul Sakpal (Grade 9)

You will need:

1 pack of nachos, ½ cup bell peppers (thinly sliced), ½ cup red onions (thinly sliced), 4tbsp cheddar cheese (grated), 1tsp chilli flakes, 1tsp oregano

Preparation:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 356°F (180°C).
- 2. Take a serving plate and spread nachos onto it.
- 3. Spread bell peppers, onions, and cheese over the nachos. Sprinkle chilli flakes and oregano.
- 4. Cover the filling with a new layer of nachos and repeat the process until you get three to four layers.
- 5. Put these in the oven for five minutes or until the cheese starts to sizzle.
- 6. Serve while still hot, with lemonade or fruit shakes



- by Zia Mehta (Grade 7)

You will need:

½ cup strawberries (chopped) ½ cup cottage cheese (grated) 1 packet of whole grain

Preparation:

crackers

- 1. Take a small mixing bowl and mix chopped strawberries with cottage cheese.
- 2. Next, evenly spread this mixture on the crackers.
- 3. Your dish is ready to serve.

Ingredients:

Marie biscuit (or any biscuit)

5 tbsp sugar

1/2 cup milk

1 tbsp butter

Dry fruits

Method:

- 1. Crush the biscuits in a mixer and add the contents into a bowl.
- 2. Add milk, sugar, and butter.
- 3. Whisk all the contents properly.
- 4. Pour the whisked mixture into a baking tray.
- 5. Garnish it with almonds and nuts.
- 6. Deep freeze it for 20 to 25 minutes and then transfer it to the refrigerator for about one hour or so.
- 7. Cut it into pieces, sprinkle some powdered sugar and serve cold.





- by Tanishka Bhatia (Grade 7)

Facts about the number 100?



There are 100 years in a century.

A person who lives to be 100 is called a centenarian.



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"C" is the Roman numeral for 100. "C" comes from the word Latin word centrum.

On the Celsius scale, 100 degrees is the boiling temperature of water.



A Googol is the number 1 followed by 100 zeroes!

Most of the world's currencies are divided into 100 subunits; for example, one rupee is 100 paisa, one euro is one hundred cents, and one pound sterling is one hundred pence.





- Why didn't the skeleton go to the ball?
- They come at night without being called and are lost in the day without being stolen.
- Salty water everywhere, but no sea in sight...Who Am I?
- I am the son of water, but when return to the water, I die...Who Am I?
- I can fall off a building and live, but in water I will die... Who Am I?



- What did the 90° angle say after an argument?
 "It turns out, I was right!"
- Why does it take pirates a long time to learn the alphabet? Because they spend years at C!
- Why is Cinderella bad at soccer? Because she's always running away from the ball!
- Why are spiders so smart? They can find everything on the web!
- Why did the man name his dogs Rolex and Timex? Because they were watchdogs
 - by Meher Karia and Khiana Shah (Gr. 6B)





Congratulations



Awards for topping in SOF's Olympiad exams conducted in 2022 -23.

They have been awarded for their meritorious performance.



Presha Sataya - PYP2 has secured 3rd rank International Mathematics Olympiad





Reyaansh Rana has secured 2nd Rank at National Level in Phonics Olympiad Exam, 2023



Meher Gaurav Karia - Grade 6 achieved 1st Place in 4th National Field-Archery Online E-Championship 2023, In Barebow Under 17 Girls Category.



The Time Tornado

At 9 am, on an early September morning, a group of American tourists entered the famed "Jantar Mantar" in Jaipur. They were visiting the beautiful Pink City and the Astronomical Observatory was part of their itinerary. The tourists were awestruck, looking at the variety of instruments and constructions used for astronomical calculations. The tour guide was explaining the history and working of these instruments.

As these tourists were going around clicking photographs, there was a loud gasp. The shadows on the sundial, which is used to tell time, started spinning wildly. The clocks and needles on the other instruments were also swinging. One moment it was bright and sunny and the next, the skies were overcast. Dust started rising off the ground and turned into a whirlwind. Loud shrieks and panicked cries filled the air as people ran helter-skelter.

Suddenly a bolt of lightning struck the ground and the grains of sand parted, like a curtain being moved. It revealed Maharaj Sawai Jai Singh II, the King of Jaipur and the person who created the observatory. He stood tall, towering above the cowering people, while a cavalry of horses, elephants and camels thundered past. The sky took on a light green hue and everything seemed to freeze. The beautiful jade in the Maharaj's crown began to glow brightly. It was as if a portal had been opened to another place in time. And as quickly as the dust storm appeared it disappeared, taking along with it the King, his men, his animals, and the American tourists.

When the sky cleared, the tourists were nowhere to be found. The locals gaped around in confusion at this turn of events. The local police were sent in to investigate but came up empty handed. Then, the American FBI came in to solve the mystery as American citizens were involved, but nothing was found. A few days later, a young girl was climbing the ramparts of Amer Fort, when a bright shiny object caught her eye. She approached it and picked it up. It was a sparkling green jade which she had seen on the Maharaj's portrait. She had unknowingly found a key to a time tornado.

by Divina Kanchan, Grade 9

TOO LATE

It had been a couple of years since I had emigrated to Los Angeles, trying to acclimatise and survive in an entirely diverse place and culture. I had finally settled down and was doing pretty well. I decided to ask my parents to relocate with me, down here. I had everything ready for them - from a new house to the interior they liked. It was just a matter of time. It was a hectic Thursday afternoon when in the midst of my 3rd coffee of the day, my mom called up. I could hear muffled sobs and was immediately alarmed. My mom whispered three words, "We lost him!"

The world stopped for some time, and I could feel the panic building up within me every passing second. I somehow managed to ask 'how' swallowing the lump that had formed in my throat. I was overwhelmed with emotions of anger, grief, pain and sorrow. My brain was fogged, and I couldn't think straight as my hands were shivering. I rushed to the restroom in an attempt to calm myself. Taking deep breaths, I let out small screams every now and again. I rushed out of my officeasking for medical emergency leave and gathered all my belongings in a haphazard manner.

I booked a cab and on my way to the apartment I booked aflight ticket. The warm sensation on my checks made me realise I was crying as I hoped this was just a nightmare. I could recall all those times dad would ask me to come home often. Hurrying towards my apartment, not bothering to collect the change from the cab driver, I mechanically dumped everything that I could possibly need on my trip home. The flight was peaceful as I cried myself to sleep.

The drive to the hospital was chaotic. As I rushed towards the reception, I could feel tears blurring my vision. After how quickly everything happened, I thought I was prepared for this moment but yet here I was cowering beneath my own demons. I spotted my mom and without any delay was further ushered into a room so dark and cold that I could feel my soul leave my body as I struggled to fight the demons of grief. The atmosphere was full of despair but as I saw my father's body limp and pale, anger got the best of me. My rationality and practicality were clouded with my emotions. I approached his body holding his hand in mine, reliving all the bittersweet moments of our life together. Why did he have to go so soon? Unable to control my emotions, I strode out of the room, weighed down by a storm of emotions. Tears flowed like a river and regret pierced my entire being. I was too late. If only... Just then I felt a hand on my shoulder. I turned around and was swept into my mother's warm embrace. We wept bitterly together for our loss. I realised then that I still had asecond chance. This time I promised myself, I would not be late.

by Deetya Jaiswal, IGCSE

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Our tiny tots had a wonderful time teaming up with their teachers to enjoy the magical moments of the monsoon.









Our students also participated in the drive to collect mangoes to plant about 1,00000 trees across India.





A drug awareness session was held for students from Grade 6 to 10 by the MHB Police Station Officers on 10th July 2023. Asst. Police Inspector Dadasaheb Siddhe addressed the students and urged them to stay away from drugs. He also encourage them to report perpetrators

and offenders. Innocent and gullible children might fall prey to this harmful habit

Say no to drugs!





The seeds of democracy are sown right here ... Investing for tomorrow, now!



On 19th July 2023-24, AGS held the Investiture Ceremony appointing the new student council for the academic year. The elected students had to go through a tough selection procedure which included them nominating themselves, campaigning for the coveted positions and proving their mettle with great speeches and promises.



From left to right: Emerald House Captain Jitika Desai,
Topaz House Captain Shivalee Suvarna, Asst.Head Girl Keya Menon,
Head Girl Uditi Kasliwal, Head Boy Aarav Bothra, Asst.Head Boy Yug Shah,
Opal House Captain Anvita Deulgaonkar and Sapphire House Captain Swara Surve



The student council elections were held on 5th July 2023. Students voted for their favourite nominees. It was a lesson in Free and Fair Elections for all the students. Students understood how a democratic procedure is followed and the fact that every vote counts...





Solutions to the Spotlight questions will be posted in next issue.

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