

kaleidoscope

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‘The horizon leans forward, offering you space to place new steps of change’ - Maya Angelou

The new academic session dawns with a new beginning—carrying on from where we ended last, with renewed vigour and zest to take forward the good from the past, modifying changes, enhancing experiences and expressing the varied and amazing flavours of life in and around School.

“Read on to feel our children grow and spread their wings with each passing moment...”

Congratulations for scoring a perfect 10!

Congratulations
to the Class XII School Topper!



Yash Kolhe (90.6%)



Adwait Kulkarni



Anoushka Dutta



Debraj Goswami



Devanshi Thakkar



Khushi Shah



Megh Patel



Mridul Handoo



Ojasvi Maurya



Prakrut Upadhyay



Rishika Thakkar



Rudra Raval



Shalaka Desai



Varitika Khandelwal



Vedang Laik

We are proud of you!

47% of our students have scored above 9 CGPA

*10 CGPA Scorers.



Powerhouse of Excellence



Stories by Jahnvi Gandhi and Dev Badala of Grade X(2017-2018) were selected and published in "Charming Quills" launched by

Shreejit Roy Chowdhary (XII) was announced The Best Delegate and Simran Patawari(XII) was awarded with Rs.2000 for her powerful oratory skills at ILNU MUN held at Nirma University

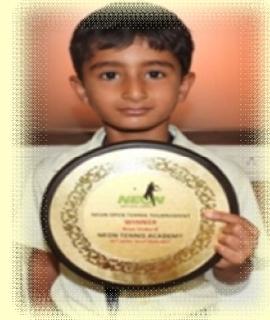




Dhanya Vala(V) came 3rd at the State Level Kata & Kumte Karate Competition organized by Karate Do Federation-Gujarat.



Vahista Gandhi(III) grabbed 3rd position at State level Roller Skating organized by CM skating rink- Ahmedabad



Mayin Dingankar(II) grabbed the 2nd position at U-10 Neon Tennis Open Tournament.



Chitrax Bhatt(IX) grabbed the 1st position at U-16 State Level Tennis Competition.



Divit Matreja(IV) grabbed 2 silvers at the 33rd National Level Karate Championship at SHITO-RYU Karate School of India.



Siya Dingankar(IV) won the U-10 Big Serve Tennis Competition & Neon Open Tennis Tournament.



Netra Jadav and Adhrit Patel(IV) were awarded Gold and Silver medals respectively, at the State Level Karate Competition.



All the participants received an academic book set along with a merit certificate

IMO (International Maths Olympiad)

Anaaya Parikh (II) – Zonal Silver medal

NCO (National Cyber Olympiad)

Harshvardhan Roy Mori (II) - 9th Zonal rank

Om Khandwala (VII)- 4th Zonal rank

IEO (International English Olympiad)

Vikrant Ahuja (II) – International Gold medal

Anaaya Parikh (II) – International Gold medal

Adheesh Sharma (II) - International Gold medal

Minerv Mehta (II) – 8th Zonal rank

Pehel Chilka (II) - 8th zonal rank

Mridul Handoo (X) – 6th Zonal rank

Shivani Trivedi (II) – 8th Zonal rank

Sanvi Kulkarni (II) – International Gold medal

Vihaan Gupta(II) – 10th Zonal rank

Devyani Vadawale (IX) – 3rd Zonal rank (cash prize: Rs, 500)

The Investiture Ceremony

On 17th June, the student body looked forward with eagerness as shiny badges were pinned to their leaders. It was a privilege to have **Mr. Madhav Kulkarni** –Senior Executive of Zydus Cadila to grace this occasion with his presence and share his ideology with our students in a small pep talk.

The **Head Girl- Simran Patawari** and the **Head Boy-Parin Bhatt** along with the other council members, the **Sports Captain- Amrit Dharamwani**, **Sports Vice Captain- Akshar Joshi** and the **Cultural and Literary Secretary -Ishika Shah**, took the oath for their obligation towards the school along with all the four House Captains, Vice Captains and the Junior House Captains.



Jagriti House

H.C: Kavish Shah
V.C: Ojasvi Maurya
J.H.C: Suryansh Bajpai

Chetna House

H.C: Shashwat Rajput
V.C: Akansha Nimbalkar
J.H.C: Parth Gondliya

Shakti House

H.C: Pranam Shah
V.C: Kavya Nair
J.H.C: Prishaa Thakker

Urja House

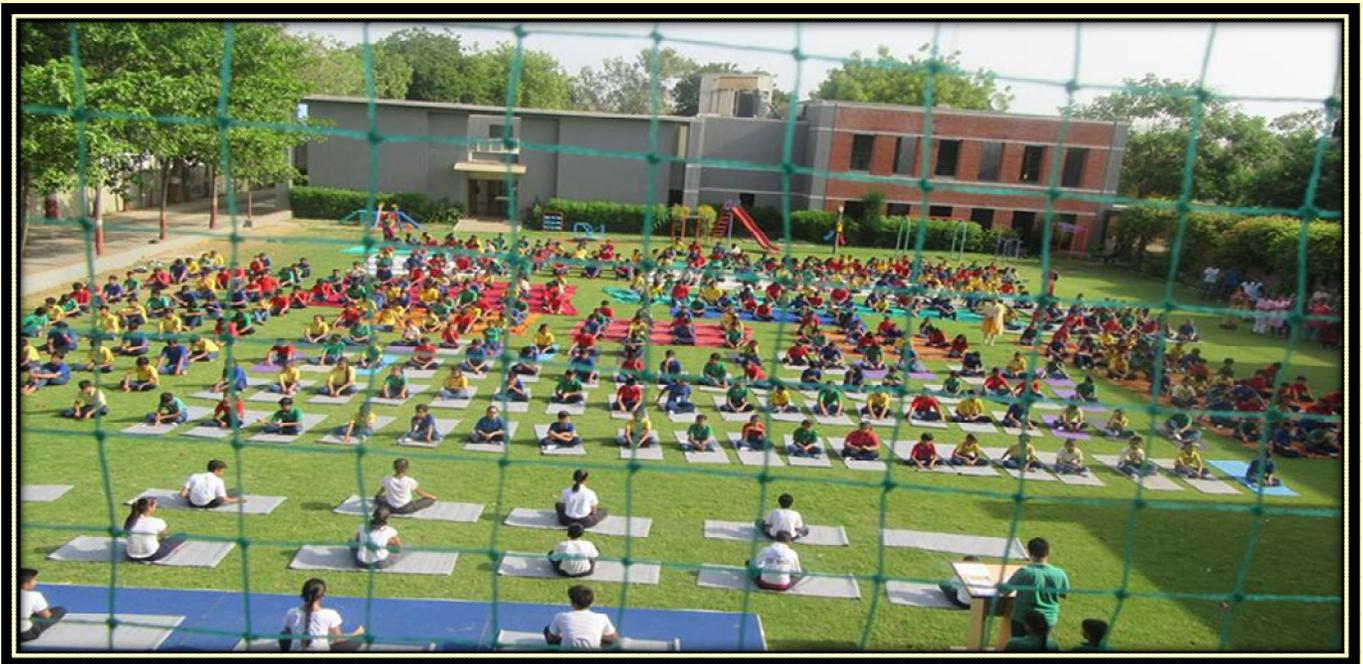
H.C: Aman Rai
V.C: Charmi Soni
J.H.C: Sameeksha Mohapatra

The Scholar's Trophy Ceremony: Rewarding the Academic Stars



22nd April was a proud moment for the Zydans clan. The school awarded 153 students with the Scholar's Trophy. The school awarded scholar's shirt to 7 students who had received the trophy for 3 consecutive years. This year, for the first time, the school introduced awards for the subject toppers. And to encourage regular attendance in school, students with 100% attendance were awarded.

International Yoga Day: Zydans Practice the Traditional Art



The students of higher secondary were introduced to the benefits of a healthy life driven by yoga and meditation on the auspicious *Vishwa Yoga Divas*, 21st June, as initiated by our Honourable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi. The sports teacher, with the help of 15 volunteers demonstrated various *asanas* and exercises to the students.

Eid-ul-Fitr : 27th June

On 27th June, the tiny tots of Kindergarten celebrated the joyous festival of *Eid-ul-Fitr* which marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan and instills qualities of sacrifice and abstinence from materialism. The kids were shown a video about the same. These little kids enjoyed dates and toffees along with homemade delicacies prepared by their teachers like seviyan.



Fun Day for beginners—12th June

'We would never forget a single moment of the first day of our school. We toddled as everything looked so confusing and humongous in front of us.' Similarly, when the innocent tiny tots took their first steps towards the Zydus fraternity they were welcomed with open arms to their new family. Teachers, with tender love and care, helped them acquaint to the new place and took a lot of efforts to bring joy and happiness to these innocent faces,

Some were eager to join the new clan, some were slow to accept and adjust to the new place but by the end of the day, after a wonderful session of storytelling and rhyme recitation, all were delighted and eager to return.



Parents' Orientation - 9th June



Parents of the Jr.Kg students were oriented about the functioning of academic activities and policies of the school.

Field Trip

The Pre-Primary students were taken for a field trip of the campus on 22nd April. Here is what some of them had to say about their little tour...

In chemistry lab *hamne* vo white scientists *wale* clothes *pehne* and saw magic...!! We also saw tabla and keyboard and *hame* vo *baja* ke *sunaya* *tha*...

– **Vihaan Vora, SR.KG.**



I liked trip very much. We saw many things *jaise* danger sign in server room, bones in biology lab, colours in art room, and *ha* *maine* chemistry lab me magic *dhekha*!!

–**Anaya Khandelwal, JR.KG**



Pre-Primary Teaching Methodology – (1st to 5th May)

Planning plans, is also essential to make things perfect. The pre-primary teachers, putting themselves into the shoes of students, got enrolled in this workshop which discussed on the fundamentals of lesson planning, making flash cards and aids used for teaching. **Ms. Sushmita Sahoo**, the designer of this event, meticulously mentored the team.

Stress Management Workshop (1st- 2nd May)

Mr.Paresh Bhat, the Director of Advice and Assist, Ahmedabad discussed the essentials of Verbal & Nonverbal Communication with the teaching staff and enlisted various ways of building a rapport with the students



Designing by Learning – 5th June

To live a dream, you need an aim, a strategy, perseverance, but above all, 'guidance'. And this workshop aimed for the same. The Teacher Training foundation conducted a workshop for the primary teachers on setting goals according to the level of students and engaging them with interesting

Teacher as a person and professional – 5th June

The teachers here, were introduced to topics like, '*stimulating the self esteem of the students*' and '*maintaining personal and professional life differently?*'



Learning Spectrum – 5th June

The Teacher Training Foundation conducted a workshop for the Pre-Primary teachers on implementing students' corner, beautification of soft board and blackboard and initiation of children participation by regular motivation.

Blocked Ways...

It was a snowy day,
We sat covered in hay,
Near the town of Berk,
In the country of the Turk.
Snow as big as golf balls
Started dropping on house halls;
We started the gift of fire,
Started reading, sitting on the tire.
Snow falls, Snow drops;
None spared, not even the cops.
Then the Lord spared the earth;
The snow stops and we extinguish the hearth.
The sun shines;
And the dog whines.
Over are the days;
Open are the blocked ways...

-Vatsal Shah, IX Einstein

Their Struggle for Us

Their struggle is the only thing saving us from the enemies. They struggle for us, they don't sleep, don't rest, and sacrifice their lives for us.

They are, the Indian soldiers.

They work in groups and protect our lives. They can choose to be lazy but they don't. They leave behind their children for the sake of our lives. Even they need to fulfill their domestic duties and responsibilities but they choose to abandon their social life and serve the country. Every child need his/her parents... but our brave soldiers leave their joyful families to protect us. They don't know when they will be held at gunpoint but still, they choose to fulfill their duties. We enjoy each and every moment of our lives but they don't get that chance. They spend their lives in constant danger. Every day when the sun shines, they have only one motive and that is to protect us. We celebrate birthdays and festivals with our families but their families have no choice but to wait for their loved ones to return.

I salute our soldiers.

They burn their lives to lighten up ours.

They stay awake all night so that we can have sweet dreams.

They leave their families to make us smile.

We cannot describe their sacrifices in words.

But what we can do is, assure them that we are with them in each and every moment of their happiness and distress.

-Janvi Sharma, VII Kalam

Juvenile Crimes

Juvenile crime rates have nearly doubled in many countries. In the news, we keep hearing about youngsters getting involved in shady affairs and committing petty crimes.

What precisely, is juvenile crime? It is a term denoting various offences committed by children or youth under the age of 18. Such acts are sometimes referred to as juvenile delinquency. Offences committed by children typically include delinquent acts which would be considered crimes if committed by adults. They are given the status of an "offender" which is more than behaviour problems such as truancy and parental disobedience. Both are within the jurisdiction of youth court; more serious offences committed by minors may be tried in criminal court and be subjected to prison sentences.

We see a child stealing an apple from the market stands, then rob a small shop, and the next day we hear about a 17-year old kid who killed his classmate. People are concerned and rightly so. That's all what we do,

I think that the problem is only focused on punishment and very little on prevention or intervention. There isn't any single cause of violence but we can certainly list a lot of risk factors, which increases the development of criminal behaviour. These include child abuse and family disintegration, violating behaviour, academic failure, school dropout and lack of contact with the society, fighting with the peers and anti- social behaviour early in life.

These children need the attention of their parents; they need our concern before they get into trouble, as well as after. Parents should teach their kids and show them how to live life fully and properly. The youth are the building blocks of the future. Parents are responsible for making an effort to maximize the chances of the juveniles to become well- adjusted and contributing members of our society.

- Riya Sharma, IX Darwin

Problems of a child

In this world there is too much stress.

There was a world, a world of ours and ours alone; where we saw children playing in the garden and relishing that moment with no stress in mind, they played the whole day. They used to play in the morning, in the evening and even in the night!

But now, just because of the pressure to study, their lives have become dull and boring, otherwise it was full of enthusiasm. Few parents do not allow their children to play, Sometimes, "Only on the weekends" they say. Sometimes, they do not allow their children to play at all, as if heaven is going to fall. Gone are those days of the past, when there wasn't much home work to do. Children played the whole day. They were eager to finish off their work and ponder over the question, "which new game should we play today?" Not only studies, but cell-phone and other electronic gadgets can lead to a increased levels of stress and anxiety which is 97% scientifically proven.

When we were young we wished to grow up soon and now when we are grown up's as we wished for, we wish to be toddlers again.

-Maurya Menaria, VII Kalam

Youth and Drugs

These days, there is hardly a section of society that is unaffected by drugs. Youth, these days is dealing with a lot of stress, and while dealing with such an amount of stress, it becomes pretty easy to be influenced.

One of the major reason, I think, of drug consumption is *pressure*. The pressure of getting higher marks than peers, the pressure of living up to the expectations of parents; the pressure of excelling in sports and other fields and so on. When they find out, it is heartbreaking for parents to admit the truth that their child is a drug addict.

It isn't impossible to leave drugs. With the correct help and proper guidance, it isn't so difficult. You know, as they say, "It seems impossible in the start, clumsy in the middle and gorgeous in the end." It is advisable for parents and teachers to counsel their children against drug consumption under any circumstances. So let's make world a better place by saying goodbye to drugs and welcome life with a open arms.

- Kaavya Shukla, IX Aristotle

It's Raining!

As I looked out of the window,
A huffing wind rose up,
Every child and even the widow,
Went into their small hut.
Puddles form as it's a heavy rain,
Boys and girls began dancing in the rain.
When the very first drop hit my hands,
Excitement grew all over the land.
It's raining all around, droplets fall on every tree,
You could see the umbrellas opening in each and every field.
Oh rain, thou great; thou made the town so beautiful today!
I hope you come down every day,
and bloom the flowers again'n'again.

-Ravisha Bhatt, VII Sarabhai



Playing with Jute threads (VIII)



Maaysa Shah (IV)



Prisha Patel (V)



Jashvi Shah (III)

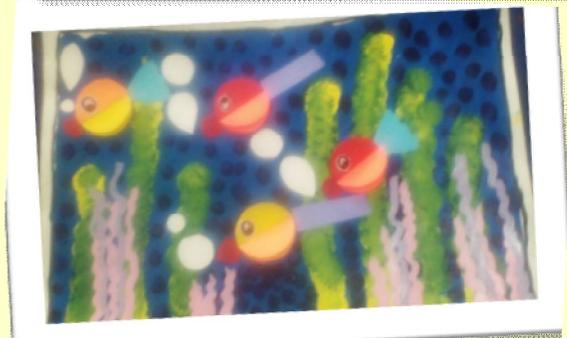


Aarzo Jobanputra (IX)

Anima Goenka (III)



Manasvi Gandhi (V)



"Don't underestimate me; I know more than I say; I think more than I let you know; and I notice more than you realize." And what better way to show what you notice than to write? In the Kaleidoscope Issue -1, we have tried to bring to you what the budding writers of our school have been noticing silently...

With the onset of the new academic year, new minds are ready to develop, describe and deliver their views and bloom in this competitive world. But then, a story can never be read or heard from a single perspective. Though it might be told in one, you will have to think about many for the thorough sense of completion. This issue of Kaleidoscope ensures just that it is a compilation of the views and wins of the whole school. Though we might be the editors, this issue is here due to the efforts of many people. It is the result of the unity that ties this school in one.

"To live a creative life we must lose our fear of being wrong." This quote sums up our entire experience of making this magazine. It takes a huge amount of courage to overcome the fear of rejection and presenting your creativity, your thoughts, to the world. This journey from being just some kids who can write an article or two, to becoming the editors of our school magazine has been a very arduous and crazy experience for us. The making of this magazine has been a highly eventful journey where we learnt a hundred new things from time management to formal selection.

The writing life is messy, and to tell you the truth, there is no secret to success. Instead, there are many paths leading to where you want to go. In this and every issue, we offer a look at these twists and turns.

And as avid readers, we look forward to your reading this little piece we have put together. Happy Reading!

-The Editorial Board

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