



SBS CONNECT

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We welcome you to the inaugural edition of **SBS CONNECT**, a monthly newsletter designed to keep our school community informed and engaged. Through this platform, we bring you highlights of key events, achievements, and initiatives that shape life at SBS.

Stay connected, stay informed!



A note from the Principal



The journey of Step By Step School has been nothing short of extraordinary—a path filled with growth, collaboration, and shared success. The past sixteen years have shaped our school into a community where students flourish, educators innovate, and values stand strong. Together, we have nurtured an institution where Seva and Inclusion are not just ideals but a way of life, embraced by every student and staff member.

Of course, no journey is without its challenges. Yet each obstacle was met with resilience, teamwork, and an unwavering commitment to our vision. What truly sets Step by Step apart is the spirit of this community—the dedication of our staff, the boundless enthusiasm of our students, and the steadfast support of our parents. It is this collective strength that has made our school what it is today.

It feels especially fitting to share this message through **SBS CONNECT**, an exciting initiative by the Communications vertical at SBS. This platform reflects the ever-evolving ways in which our school continues to grow and stay connected. I am thrilled to see it become a vibrant space where the voices, achievements, and aspirations of our students and faculty are celebrated.

The launch of **SBS CONNECT** marks a wonderful new chapter of storytelling and connection, and I am excited to see it grow into a platform that captures the many stories and milestones of our community. The spirit of the school and the values we uphold will continue to inspire and strengthen us in the times to come.

Love & Light!

Dr. Mahesh Prasad



A Splash of Learning and Laughter!



Assemblies are more than just performances—they're little windows into how children learn, express, and grow. The **Nursery** assemblies in February were a perfect example, celebrating the vibrant world of colours and the ever-present theme of change.

From animated storytelling to lively dance and music, the stage came alive with infectious energy. Our little artists didn't just talk about colours—they made them come to life! They shared fun facts, wowed everyone with colour-blending tricks, and performed the delightful "Rango ki Duniya", leaving the audience spellbound.



But the real magic? Watching how confidently they spoke, danced, and expressed themselves. Through this joyful experience, the children honed their communication skills, embraced teamwork, and discovered that change is not just natural but exciting! Parents beamed with pride, cheering on their little stars as they transformed the stage into a kaleidoscope of creativity. It wasn't just an assembly—it was a heartwarming reminder of how learning can be playful, powerful, and oh-so-memorable!



Middle schoolers shine bright

On January 30th, our middle schoolers took center stage at the **Achievements and Accolades event**, celebrating their remarkable accomplishments in sports, quizzes, debates, creative challenges, and cultural performances. The event showcased their brilliance and versatility across all areas of learning, highlighting their personal growth, resilience, and teamwork.



This celebration was more than just about victories—it was a testament to the determination, collaborative spirit, and commitment to excellence that define our students.

As they continue to shine and reach new heights, the future looks incredibly bright for our middle schoolers!

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Step By Step School was filled with joy on January 31st, as we welcomed children from the **Social Outreach Foundation (SOF)**, a society dedicated to empowering children through education.

On this special day, our **Grades 3, 4, and 5** students raced alongside their SOF peers in 60m and 100m races and enjoyed a fun ball throw event. The day celebrated resilience, teamwork, and the spirit of giving. To make it even more memorable, our students designed and shared 'SBS with SOF' badges, symbolizing unity, joy, and the valuable lessons of empathy and cooperation.



Class of 2025: Ready to Soar! 🦋



The excitement was palpable as our **Class 12** students walked into school on January 31st for their **Valediction Ceremony!** A day filled with joy and reflection, it marked the grand finale of their remarkable journey at SBS.

Each graduate received a personalized title, celebrating their unique milestone. The ceremony was a heartwarming blend of nostalgia, pride, and anticipation as students, teachers, and parents gathered to cheer them on for the future.



Here's to the Class of 2025—ready to take on the world with all the lessons, friendships, and memories they cherish!



For more pictures of the event, [click here!](#) 📷

A Carousel of Joy, Laughter, and Unforgettable Moments



Under the warm, golden sunshine, the **SBS Primary Carnival** on February 8th and 12th, was nothing short of magical! The excitement was contagious as our **Nursery, Kindergarten, and Montessori** stars lit up the school playground with laughter, play, and boundless energy. Parents reveled in the joyous atmosphere, sharing precious moments with their children and teachers, making the day even more special.

From magical performances to thrilling games that sparked friendly competition, the carnival was a vibrant celebration of togetherness! Families strolled through the lively food stalls, indulging in delicious treats while soaking in the cheerful ambience. The school grounds buzzed with excitement, echoing with happy chatter and applause as students showcased their talents and cheered for their friends. The day was a perfect reminder of the simple joys of childhood and the strong bonds we cherish at SBS!



[For more pictures of the event, click here!](#) 📷



Sprinting, Smashing and Soaring at SBS

Excitement filled the air as Step By Step School hosted the **Inter-School Athletics and Table Tennis Championship** on February 10th and 11th. Students from different schools joined the SBS team on the playground, sharing moments of fun, teamwork, and friendly competition.

From sprints and long jumps to thrilling table tennis matches, the event was a true display of skill and sportsmanship. The field echoed with cheers as young athletes gave their best, celebrating both effort and achievement. Beyond the competition, it was a day of camaraderie, resilience, and the joy of playing together!



Navigating Screen Time

A Candid Chat with Dr. Saurabh Mehrotra

On February 14th, the SBS community had an eye-opening (and screen-opening!) conversation with Dr. Saurabh Mehrotra, a leading psychiatrist from Medanta — The Medicity, Gurugram. His session tackled something we all struggle with — finding the right balance with our devices.

Through interactive discussions, students, teachers, and parents shared their take on digital habits, sparking ideas on how to scroll less and live more. Dr. Mehrotra offered simple yet effective ways to manage screen time without making it feel like a punishment.

By the end of the session, one thing was clear — finding balance in our digital world isn't about giving up screens, but about using them wisely. And when we do, life beyond the screen gets a whole lot brighter!



Battle of Words – Elenchus 2025



The third edition of Elenchus, the **Inter-House Debate Competition** – took place on February 17th, bringing together middle school students for an intense intellectual exchange. Competing in a modified WSDC format, participants showcased sharp critical thinking, research, and public speaking skills within tight time limits.

The event featured thought-provoking motions, pushing students to craft strong arguments, challenge perspectives, and defend their stance. Each debate fostered healthy competition, inquiry, and open-mindedness, sharpening their analytical abilities.

With its high-energy atmosphere and compelling discussions, Elenchus reaffirmed the power of debate in shaping articulate, confident, and informed individuals, leaving both participants and the audience inspired.



Joy of Giving



At SBS, **Seva**—derived from the Sanskrit words 'sah' and 'eva' meaning 'together with'—is a way of life.

During the **Seva week** our **SEN students** cared for their surroundings by watering plants and tidying classrooms, promoting respect for shared spaces. They prepared snacks for didis and bhaiyas and crafted thank-you cards to acknowledge their dedication. They also visited the local old age home and shared treats with the residents.



A celebration of resilience, hope, and new beginnings!

Every year, the week starting February 21st is celebrated as Seva Week, marking the birth anniversary of our beloved founder, Mrs. Ritu Suri. The celebrations began with **Junior School Form Morning - Udaan**, with **Grade 1 & 2** students taking the stage, filling the amphitheatre with energy and joy. The warm sunshine added to the charm, making the performances even more delightful.

The enthusiastic presence of the parents made the event even more memorable. For those unable to attend, the live stream ensured that the spirit of Udaan reached far and wide.

It was a heartfelt tribute to Mrs. Ritu Suri's legacy, keeping her vision alive and inspiring generations to come.





Blog of the month



Resilience isn't just about physical strength— It's about believing in oneself and trusting the support of those around you



The Communications Team's offsite to Nahan, Himachal Pradesh, wasn't just a retreat; it became a story worth retelling. What began as a peaceful escape transformed into an unforgettable journey of camaraderie, thanks to a serendipitous collaboration with the Physical Education (PE) Department, who happened to share the same venue for their retreat.

The standout moment? The river crossing challenge. For many, it seemed like an impossible feat. Yet, under the PE team's patient guidance and infectious enthusiasm, hesitation gave way to determination. Every shaky step across that river was backed by cheers, laughter, and the unspoken promise that no one would be left behind.

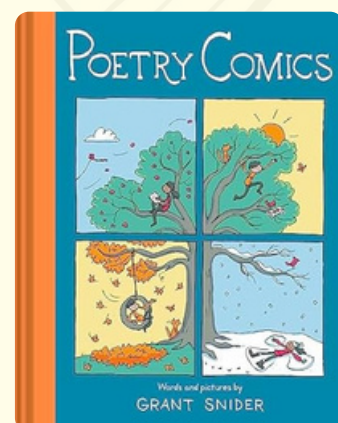
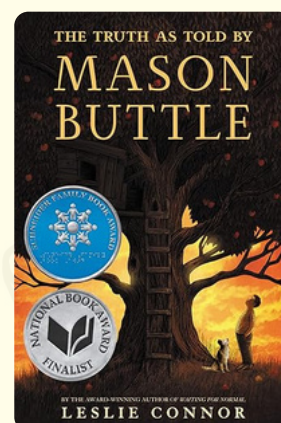
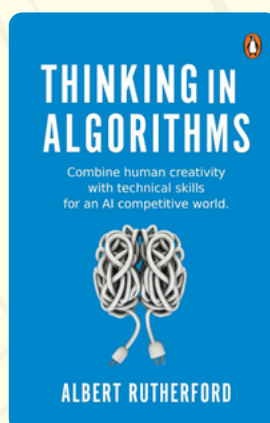
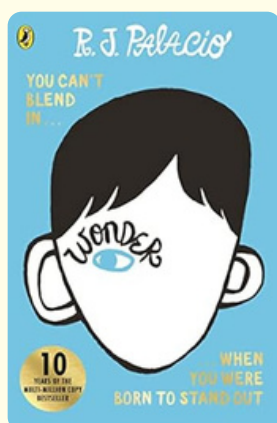
But the magic didn't end with the ropes and harnesses. The offsite sparked connections beyond roles—over chai breaks, shared stories, and friendly banter. The Communications Team's creativity met the PE team's discipline, creating a beautiful balance of perspectives and strengths.

As both teams returned to their daily grind, they carried more than just snapshots and sore muscles—they brought back a renewed sense of resilience, trust, and the comforting reminder that, together, even the wildest rivers can be crossed. 🌟💪

Here's to the bonds built, the lessons learned, and the memories that will keep us going—no matter the challenge! 🌄❤️



Five great reads of the month



On the horizon: March 2025

exciting events at SBS!

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Welcome to the SBS Family: Ms. Taruna Tanwar!



We are thrilled to introduce our newest team member, Ms. Taruna Tanwar, who joined SBS on 3rd February 2025 as an IB Maths faculty. An alumnus of the University of Delhi, GGSIPU, and Vinayaka Mission University, Taruna brings with her a wealth of experience from teaching at Oberoi International School, DPS IG, and Manav Rachna School.

If she weren't a teacher, Taruna humorously muses that she might have found herself crunching numbers in a corporate boardroom or counting coins in a bank — but we're so glad she chose the classroom instead!

Farewell to a Friend



Mr. Rajendra Kumar joined SBS in 2009 in the IT team. A kind and sensitive individual, he was deeply passionate about his work. Known for his friendly nature and willingness to help others, he was also a skilled cook with a love for travel.

His untimely passing on January 23rd 2025 has left an irreplaceable void. His presence will be greatly missed, and we pray that his soul finds eternal peace.



SBS Moments

Capturing the little yet meaningful moments that reflect the heart of our community!





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