



SBS CONNECT

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As we approach the end of an eventful academic session (2024-25), we bring you the second edition of SBS CONNECT—your monthly window into the vibrant life at SBS. This issue reflects on memorable moments while looking ahead to exciting new beginnings.

Stay connected, stay informed!



A Legacy of Leadership



Honoring Dr. Mahesh Prasad's Legacy

After 12 years of dedicated service, Dr. Mahesh Prasad will be superannuating on March 31, 2025. His leadership has been instrumental in shaping Step By Step School into the institution it is today. His unwavering commitment to academic excellence, holistic education, and fostering a nurturing learning environment has left an indelible mark on our school community.

Dr. Prasad's tenure saw the school grow in stature, with a strong emphasis on innovation in teaching, character-building, and the integration of arts into the curriculum. His guidance and mentorship have inspired both students and faculty, and his contributions will continue to influence the school's journey for years to come. We extend our deepest gratitude and wish him a fulfilling and well-earned retirement.

Welcoming Ms. Vijayashree Ranganathan as Interim Principal

As we prepare for this transition, we are pleased to share that Ms. Vijayashree Ranganathan, Head of Senior School, will be serving as the Interim Principal. With 13 years at SBS, Ms. Ranganathan is a familiar and respected presence within our community. Her deep understanding of the school's ethos, commitment to student-centric learning, and strong leadership make her well-positioned to guide us through this transition.

In her own words:

"Step By Step has been my home for over a decade, and I am honoured to step into this role as we navigate this transitional phase together. Dr. Prasad's vision and leadership have been invaluable, and I look forward to building on his strong foundation he has laid. Our commitment to excellence, innovation, and student well-being remains steadfast, and I am excited to work alongside our students, faculty, and parents in continuing this journey."

Let us come together as a community to celebrate Dr. Prasad's contributions and extend our support to Ms. Ranganathan as she takes on this responsibility.

🌿 Nature, Laughter, and Endless Adventure! ☀️



Grades KG, 1 and 2 wrapped up the session with a fantastic outdoor escapade on **February 25th** & **March 3rd**, embracing nature in all its glory! 🌸🌳 The young explorers set off on an adventure—at **Bird Sanctuary, Botanical Garden, City Forest and Ved Van Park**—where vibrant flowers, towering trees, and open spaces became their playgrounds for the day.

With boundless energy and wide-eyed wonder, the children wandered through scenic trails, played thrilling games, and discovered the simple joys of the outdoors. Laughter rang through the air as they ran across green fields, shared playful moments with friends, and made beautiful memories that will stay with them forever. Between scenic walks, giggles over snack breaks, and exciting new discoveries, the day was a perfect mix of fun, adventure, and togetherness.

History Comes Alive! 🏰✨



Grade 7 students set off on an exciting journey to **Humayun's Tomb, a UNESCO World Heritage site.**

Wandering through its majestic archways and lush gardens, students soaked in the stunning Mughal architecture with its intricate designs coupled with Persian influences. With teachers as their storytellers, they unraveled fascinating secrets behind this architectural marvel—did you know it's considered the inspiration for the Taj Mahal? 🤯



From hidden tales to historical revelations, this trip wasn't just about the past—it was about seeing history in a whole new light and having fun while doing it!



Strings of Laughter & Wonder – Puppet Magic at SBS!

Laughter echoed through the Junior School on **February 28th**, as the Ishara Puppet Theatre cast its spell of fun, fantasy, and fabulous storytelling! From the moment the first puppet danced onto the stage, the children were hooked—eyes wide, smiles beaming, and giggles unstoppable!

The vibrant puppets, with their quirky antics and playful storytelling, had the little ones cheering, clapping, and bursting into fits of laughter. The show was more than just fun—it was a whirlwind of imagination and creativity that left our young audience mesmerized. As the curtains closed, the children buzzed with excitement, re-enacting scenes and mimicking their favourite characters.

A day of pure magic, endless fun, and memories to cherish! 🤖✨🎭



Stepping Up with Confidence! 🚀



The first and second week of March marked an exciting milestone for our **Grade 5** students as they geared up for their journey into Middle School! The **Pastoral Transition** made this leap smooth, fun, and full of learning.

Grade 6 buddies came in, sharing all the inside scoops—from navigating the lunch queue like a pro to finding their way around new classrooms!

Through interactive classroom and lab tours, a peek into the dining spaces, and friendly chats with teachers and counsellors, students got a feel for their new environment before stepping into Grade 6. With engaging activities and supportive mentors, this transition was not just about moving up a grade—it was about building friendships, embracing challenges, and stepping forward with confidence!

Middle School... here they come! 🎉✨

A Day of Sunshine, Smiles, and Splendid Fun!



March 4th was no ordinary day—it was a day filled with laughter, adventure, and boundless joy as the SEN Department took students on a delightful picnic to Biodiversity Park! The goal? To create an inclusive, engaging, and absolutely fun-filled experience where students could bond, explore, and just be themselves in the great outdoors.

The day was packed with a series of activities that sparked curiosity, creativity, and camaraderie. The picnic wasn't just about games—it was about belonging, friendship, and unforgettable moments. As the sun set on this fantastic day, one thing was clear—we can't wait to do it all over again next year, with even more fun twists and surprises!

Here's to more laughter, more adventures, and even bigger smiles at the next SEN Picnic! 🌞

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GIGGLES, LAUGHTER, AND A WHOLE LOT OF HAPPINESS! 😊🎵



On **March 5th**, the little stars of **Nursery C** lit up the stage with an **assembly** that was all about Happiness! 🌟 From joyful songs to lively dances, our young performers filled the room with sunshine as they celebrated the simple things that make every day special at SBS. Whether in the classroom, the art room, the playground, or the music studio, happiness truly is everywhere!

The highlight of the day? Laughter Yoga! 🤗🌟 With deep breaths, claps, and the delightful chants of “Ho-Ho, Ha-Ha, He-He!”, the little ones spread an infectious energy that had everyone grinning ear to ear. Who knew that a few laughs could be so powerful?





Thrills, Skills, and Sporting Spirit at the 3rd SBS Inter-School Sports Competitions! 🏆

From **March 11th - 13th**, SBS played host to the **3rd Inter-School Sports Competitions**, where young athletes from Grades 3 to 5 brought their A-game to the courts and fields! The tournament saw intense matchups in Basketball, Football, and Badminton, with students displaying remarkable skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

The competition kept everyone on the edge of their seats, with nail-biting knockout rounds, impressive goals, powerful smashes, and game-changing moments. The excitement reached its peak as standout players were recognized with special awards, including Best Player, MVP, Golden Boot, and Rising Star. 🏆🌟

From hard-fought victories to unforgettable sporting moments, the event left players and spectators alike cheering for more!

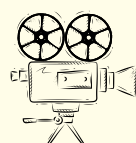
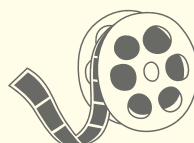
LIGHTS, CAMERA, THINK!

The TOK Film Festival Unfolds 🎬

For **Grade 11 IB Diploma students**, the **TOK Film Festival** held on **March 17th** was no ordinary movie day—it was a mind-expanding, perspective-shifting journey into the world of Theory of Knowledge (TOK).

This day-long cinematic adventure wasn't just about watching a film—it was about dissecting it, debating it, and diving deep into its hidden layers. 🍷 After an intriguing screening, students stepped into the role of philosophers and critics, engaging in a dynamic discussion with an expert who helped unravel the film's deeper meaning, artistic choices, and real-world connections.

Beyond just storytelling, the festival became a launchpad for critical thinking, argument-building, and perspective evaluation—essential skills for their upcoming journey. By the end of the day, students walked away not just entertained but challenged to see knowledge, perception, and truth through a whole new lens! 🎬🌟



ART FEST 2025

The Visual Arts department at SBS transformed **March 18th** into a vibrant celebration of creativity with **SBS SPECTRUM 2025**, an art fest like no other, organized for Grade 7 students! From capturing emotions in *The 11 Expressions Assignment* to moulding masterpieces in *Portraits in Clay*, every session sparked imagination and excitement. The thrill of *Sneaker Customization & Cartooning* had students unleashing their inner designers, while the intricate techniques of *Shibori – Cloth Dyeing* and *Weaving workshops* kept hands busy and minds engaged.

The campus buzzed with creativity, colors, and artistic fervour, making SPECTRUM 2025 an unforgettable experience. The students left inspired, exhilarated, and with a newfound appreciation for the magic of art!



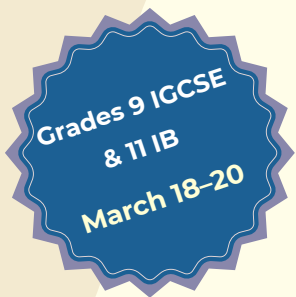
ECHOES OF BUNRAKU! WORLD THEATRE DAY 2025

World Theatre Day was celebrated at SBS on 18th March 2025, ushering in a wave of creativity and wonder for middle schoolers through an engaging Bunraku-style puppetry workshop titled *Silent Voices*. Grade 8 students participated in this hands-on session, where they explored puppet-making, crafting techniques, and the art of storytelling through movement.

The workshop encouraged collaboration and creativity, with students bringing their puppets to life in ways that were both expressive and imaginative. As the day unfolded, students from Grades 6 to 8 gathered at Rang Raas – The Suri Auditorium for a delightful puppet performance titled *Humara Circus*. The show was followed by an interactive session with the puppeteers, sparking curiosity and appreciation for this captivating art form.

The celebration brought theatre to life in the most magical way—one string, one story at a time—leaving middle schoolers inspired and eager for more!



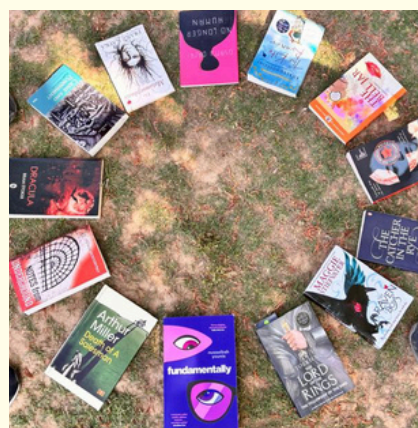


A WEEK OF DISCOVERY: WHERE LEARNING CAME ALIVE BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



From scientific exploration to literary imagination, students of **Grades 9 IGCSE** and **11 IB** embarked on a vibrant week of learning that broke free from classroom walls.

The week kicked off with Grade 11 IB students visiting CoolAnt Studio for their IBDP Collaborative Science Project. Surrounded by terracotta structures and innovative ideas, they explored sustainable cooling solutions and even built their own mini models—science with a creative twist!



At the same time, Grade 9 IGCSE students immersed themselves in nature at Sunder Nursery, Delhi. The peaceful green surroundings offered the perfect setting for a guided walk through history, ecology, and quiet reflection.

On March 19, students from both grades stretched their minds and bodies during a Drama Therapy session. Through expressive movement and activities on mindfulness, they explored self-awareness and connection, fostering a deeper harmony between body, mind, and spirit.

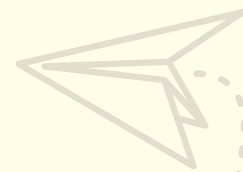
The week wrapped up on a high note with an imaginative library session called 'Pack the Suitcase'. Grade 9 students picked fictional characters, imagined trips for them, and "packed" five meaningful items. What followed was a lively round of presentations, debates, and plenty of laughter.

12 IB (2025-26) students took charge of planning their academic calendar for the upcoming session, focusing on structure and deadlines. With guidance from two graduating seniors, they developed a practical, experience-driven roadmap to navigate their final and most pivotal year.

With science, nature, drama, and literature all woven together, the week sparked creativity, curiosity, and self-discovery—proving that learning truly comes alive when you step outside the ordinary.



Hindsight 2024–25: A Year of Growth, Grit, and Gratitude



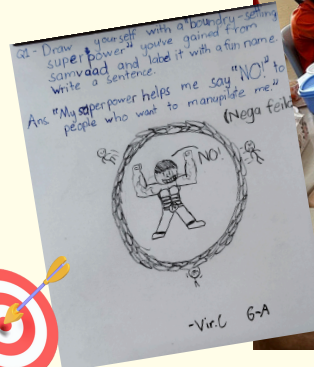
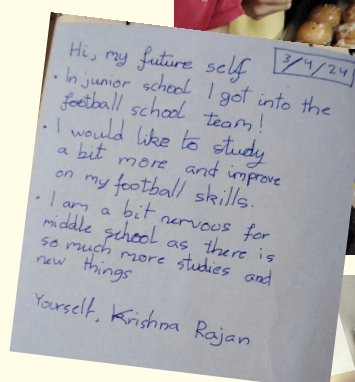
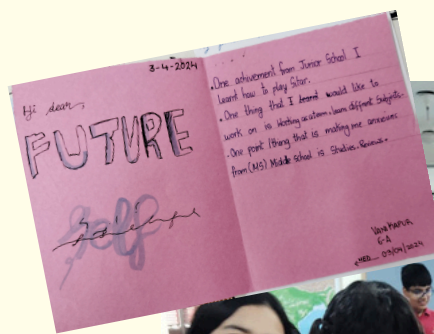
Session 2024–25 was swept by fresh surges of foamy newness. For Grades 6, 7, and 8, the year began with collaborative games and reflective circle-time sessions that helped students connect, build trust, and step into a shared journey of learning. In a world shaped by rapid technological change and fading global boundaries, it's vital to stay rooted in empathy and self-awareness. To foster these values, *Samvaad*—a session led by the SBS Counselling Team—encouraged open conversations about boundaries, confidence, and emotional well-being.

Throughout the year, the youngest members of Middle School demonstrated resilience and curiosity. Whether participating in competitions, service activities, or special assemblies, they showed that age was no barrier to excellence. Supported by a strong partnership between parents, teachers, and peers, students grew into confident, future-ready individuals. A high point of the year was the Middle School Sports Day—a celebration of agility, teamwork, and house spirit. The event brought together not just athletes, but an entire community of enthusiastic supporters. The cheers, house colours, and shared pride created memories that will be cherished for years.

The academic year also came full circle with a meaningful “Letter to Self” activity. Students revisited the letters they had written at the start of the session—filled with personal goals, hopes, and dreams. There was laughter, surprise, and reflection as they read their past words. For many, it was a moment of pride in how far they’d come, for others, a gentle reminder of the journey still ahead. It served as a quiet celebration of emotional growth and self-discovery.

The MS Art Fest (Spectrum) was a fitting culmination of the year—vibrant, imaginative, and joyous. Whether discovering new skills or refining old ones, each participant brought something unique to the canvas. The final celebration—a joyful potluck—brought all three grades together in the spirit of sharing and togetherness. Delicious spreads, cheerful music, and heartfelt conversations marked the closing of the session. Students also took responsibility for tidying up, a small but significant gesture of collective ownership.

As we look back, the year was filled with moments that mattered—courage, connection, and creativity. In hindsight, it was a year of transformation—one that shaped young minds with the strength to grow, the grit to persevere, and the gratitude to thrive.



A WARM WELCOME TO THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR!



March at SBS was all about new beginnings as we welcomed parents to the **Orientation Sessions**—an important step in preparing for an exciting new academic year. These sessions provided a comprehensive roadmap for the year ahead, offering parents valuable insights.

From understanding age-appropriate learning milestones to engaging in discussions on well-being initiatives, and home-school partnerships, every session was designed to equip parents with the right tools to support their child's growth. With a shared vision and a strong partnership between school and parents, we are all set to embark on yet another enriching and fulfilling academic year! Together, we look forward to fostering curiosity, creativity, and a love for learning in every child. The journey ahead promises meaningful experiences that will shape young minds for the future.

Here's to learning, growth, and new adventures ahead!



Priceless Memories!

The SBS family came together for an emotional yet joyous farewell assembly to bid farewell to our beloved Principal Sir. Students paid tribute through soulful performances, including a heartfelt musical piece and poetry recitations.



In his address, Dr. Prasad shared a guiding principle he has often practiced: "*If you have the choice between being right and being kind, choose being kind.*" After the assembly, he took a nostalgic stroll through the school, visiting classrooms to meet his beloved students and exchanging smiles, high-fives, and heartfelt goodbyes. His legacy will continue to guide us, reminding us to cherish every moment as it comes!

Digital Citizenship Curriculum: Building a Smarter, Safer Online World

In today’s tech-savvy world, we live as much online as we do offline! From scrolling through social media and gaming with friends to researching school projects and streaming our favorite shows, the digital space is our second home. But just like in real life, there are rules and responsibilities that help us become responsible digital citizens. Digital citizenship is about using technology responsibly, safely, and respectfully.

Why is Digital Citizenship Important?

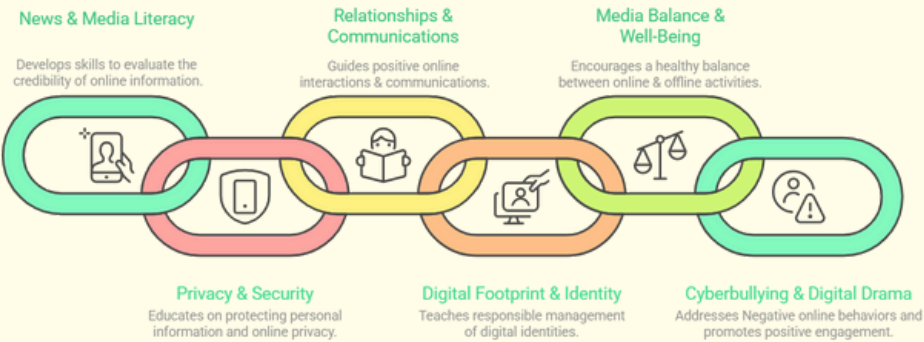
With students spending significant time online for learning, socializing, and entertainment, they need guidance to navigate the digital world wisely. Schools play a crucial role in teaching young minds how to think critically, engage responsibly, and protect themselves from online risks.



Digital Curriculum:

Think of digital citizenship as your personal ‘superpower’ for the online world! Imagine yourself as a digital superhero, equipped with the ability to navigate the internet safely, outsmart online threats, and use technology to make a positive impact. Just like superheroes undergo rigorous training to protect their cities, students need to develop critical digital skills to thrive in an increasingly connected world. Every click, share, and post shapes your digital identity—so why not make it one that inspires others? Digital citizenship is more than just knowing what not to do online; it’s about embracing the power of responsible technology use. Schools can turn students into digital defenders, ensuring they understand cybersecurity, media literacy, and online ethics while still having fun exploring the digital universe.

Components of Digital Citizenship Curriculum



From learning how to dodge cyber-villains like scams and hackers to mastering the art of respectful online communication, digital citizenship equips students with skills to be tech-savvy leaders. Imagine using AI to enhance learning, coding to solve real-world problems, or social media to advocate for meaningful causes—all while staying secure and mindful of digital footprints.



Being a responsible digital citizen isn’t just about avoiding trouble online; it’s about building a safer, friendlier internet where everyone thrives. The digital world is what we make of it, so let’s make it awesome! Whether you’re exploring new apps, engaging with online communities, or innovating with technology, remember—you’re not just another user; you’re shaping the future of the digital world. So, the next time you power up your device, take a moment to reflect on your digital actions. Stay smart, stay kind, and most importantly, have fun while making a difference!



On the horizon: April 2025

exciting events at SBS!

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TOK Exhibition

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Senior School
Investiture Ceremony

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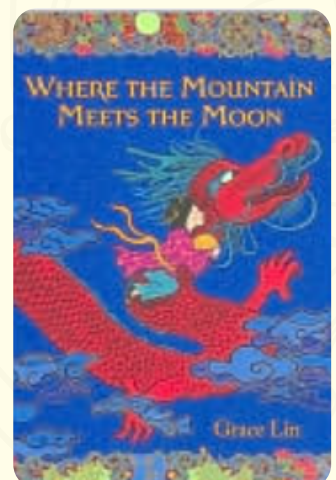
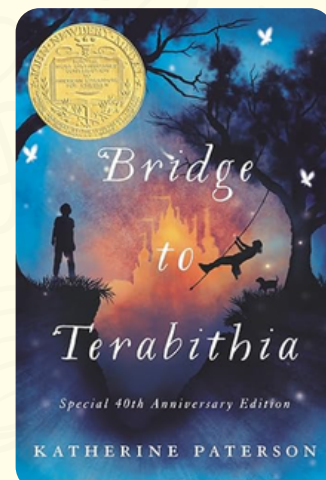
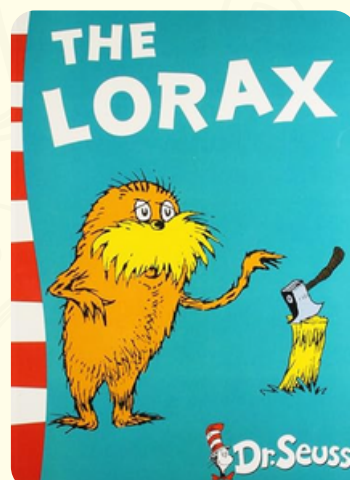
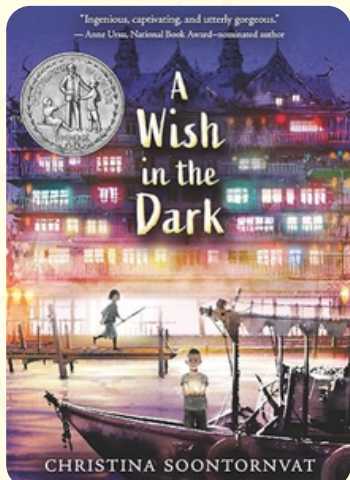
SBSAlum - Alumni
Platform Launch

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Round Square
Conference

23- 27

Five Great Reads of the Month



Welcome to the SBS Family!

Rahul Dev joins as Assistant Security Officer in the Administration Department. A graduate of Allahabad University, Rahul brings with him valuable experience and a whole lot of discipline from his days in the Army.

But there's more to Rahul than just keeping things secure! A keen boxer since his Army days, he still packs a punch (just not during work hours!). When he's not on duty, you'll find him vibing to music. With strength, soul, and a dash of fun, Rahul is ready to take on every challenge that comes his way.



Riya Aggarwal has joined the SBS family as a Counsellor. She is an alumna of Northeastern University and The Chicago School. Beyond her professional role, Riya enjoys staying active, meeting new people, and expressing herself through music—whether it's a morning jog, a lively conversation, or humming her favorite tune. She has even adopted a dog from the People for Animals foundation, reflecting her deep love for animals.



Dr. Tanvi Pahwa joins as Special Educator at SBS in the Junior School.

With a PhD from Jamia Millia Islamia and a wealth of experience in special education, Dr. Tanvi brings both expertise and empathy to the classroom. She has previously worked with Banyan Tree School, New Delhi. When she's not teaching, she enjoys painting on canvas — but her most heartwarming masterpiece so far might just be the moment when her students, with wide smiles and eager voices, said, “We want to go home with you!”



Guess Who's Back?

It's Chanchal joining the Primary School ! She took a break to begin a beautiful new chapter in her life—motherhood. What drew her in again? The SBS culture, of course! As she says, “It feels just like home.” Chanchal comes with a rich academic background in English, education and brings with her the valuable experience of having been part of SBS before.



We have Saanvi Kohli joining the Primary School!

With her younger sister being part of the most recent graduating batch at SBS, Saanvi already shares a special connection with the school. Outside school, Saanvi is a dedicated foodie and fitness enthusiast—a perfect blend of cheat days and cardio! And if there's a cricket match on, she's cheering loudest for her favourite, Rohit Sharma.



Say Hello to Yamini – Our Very Own KBC Star!

She believes in taking life as it comes—and sometimes, that means landing on the hot seat at Kaun Banega Crorepati! Yes, you read that right—she was one of the Fastest Finger First contestants and even got to meet the one and only Big B!

Yamini is a Special Educator in the SEN department and brings with her a wealth of insight and compassion in working with students. She's studied at Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi University, and IGNOU, and brings with her rich experience from her time at G.D. Goenka School.



SBS Crossword Challenge: Test Your SBS Knowledge!

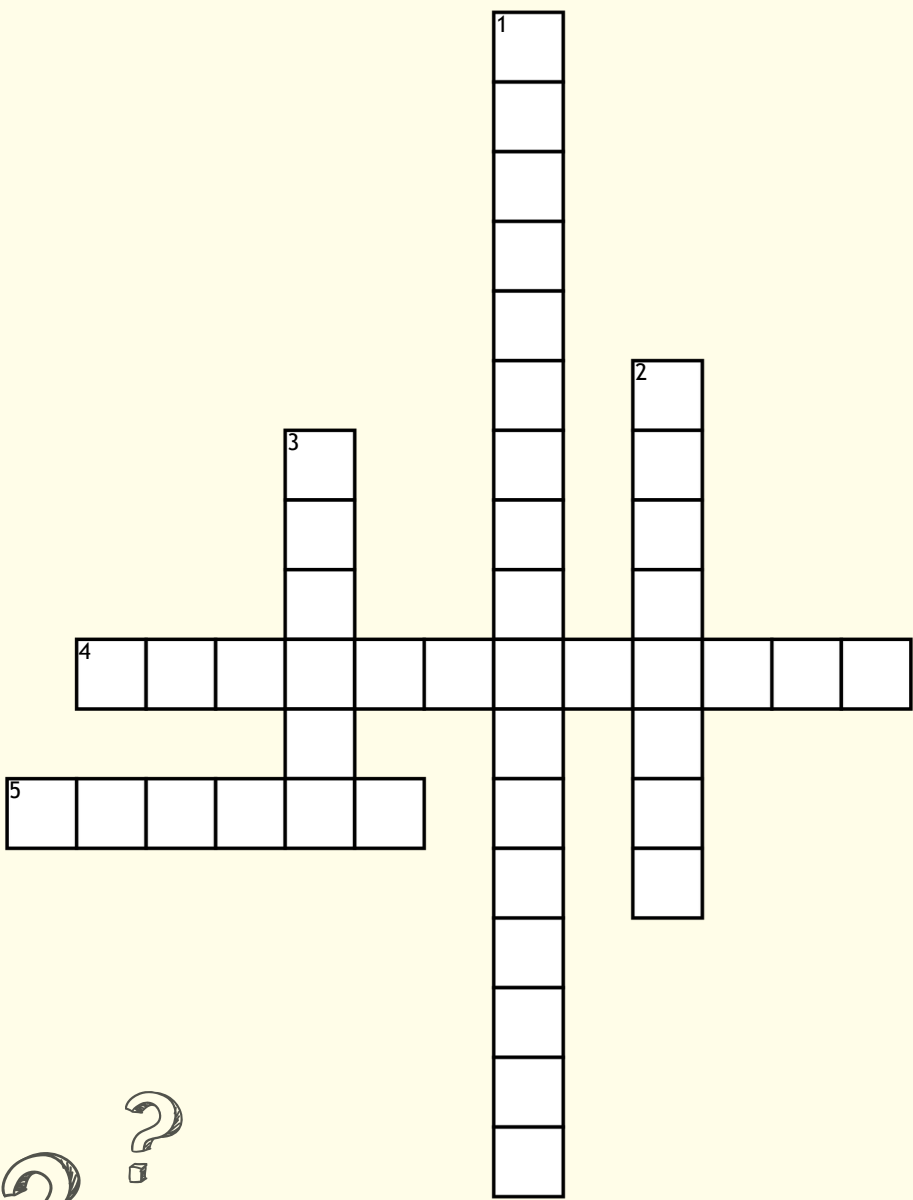


It's time to put your memory to test! This crossword is packed with clues from this edition of SBS CONNECT—from special programs to unforgettable student experiences.

Sharpen your pencils and see if you can solve them all. Ready? Let's go!



Test Your SBS Knowledge – March Edition!



Across

4. Name the historical site that Grade 7 students visited on their educational excursion. (12)
5. Students from Kindergarten to Grade 2 visited various nature spots. One of them was the Botanical Garden. Name the other. (6)

Down

1. What is the full form of TOK? (17)
2. What was the name of the art fest held by the Visual Arts department at SBS on March 18, 2025? (8)
3. Which puppet theatre group brought laughter and wonder to Junior School on February 28, 2025? (6)

Think you've cracked the puzzle? Send your answers to communications@sbs-school.org before anyone else! **The first three early birds with the correct answers will have their names featured in the next issue!** 🏆🌟



SBS Moments

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





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I envision SBS as a warm, joyful and nurturing space, where children can explore what it means to live with intelligence and compassion, and grow into integrated and responsible individuals deeply rooted in values of Seva and Inclusion.

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Mrs. Ritu Suri



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