



# SBS CONNECT

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As we move towards a joyful summer break, we're pleased to bring you the May edition of SBS CONNECT — your monthly window into the vibrant life at SBS! This issue reflects the cheerful wrap-up of ongoing activities and the spirit of community that continues to shine through. Here's wishing everyone a restful and rejuvenating break filled with sunshine and smiles.

Stay connected, stay informed!





## Leaders of Tomorrow



At SBS, student leadership is an integral part of school life, rooted in our belief that leadership extends beyond formal titles and responsibilities—it's about developing character, empathy, and a sense of purpose. By fostering these qualities, we aim to equip students not just for academic success, but for meaningful lives in an evolving world. Opportunities to cultivate leadership are thoughtfully embedded in student-led bodies like the **Student Council** and **Student Parliament**, as well as various **clubs** and initiatives. These platforms allow students to engage actively, build resilience, enhance organisational skills, and learn the importance of collaboration and service.

Through roles such as School President, Vice President, House Captains, and Coordinators for Seva and cultural activities, the Council connects students with the broader school community, ensuring their voices are acknowledged and valued. The Council's activities and initiatives nurture a culture of mutual support and inclusive leadership, empowering students to lead thoughtfully, empathetically, and effectively. This year's Senior School Student Council officially took the oath on 15th April 2025. Sharing excerpts from the Student Council's message to the school community:

*"At the heart of the Student Council's role is representation. We are students first, just like every other member of the student body. We face the same challenges, share the same lunch tables, walk the same corridors, and experience the same joys and pressures of school life. This unique position allows us to truly understand and relate to the needs, concerns, and aspirations of our peers. We do not lead from above; we lead from within."*

*"Leadership, to us, is not about authority. It's about connection. Disconnected leadership – leadership that operates behind closed doors or at a distance – fails to meet the needs of those it's meant to serve. Our approach this year is rooted in humility. We're working to build more open channels of communication, inviting suggestions, holding more peer-led forums, and being present and visible in daily school life. Whether it's launching student-driven initiatives, addressing everyday issues, or simply being a sounding board for new ideas, we are committed to acting as representatives of student voices — in every decision, every plan, and every action".*

- Senior School Student Council (Session 2025-26)

We wish the Student Council a successful year ahead, confident that their dedication and vision will positively impact and inspire the entire SBS community.



# A DAY OF GRATITUDE, SMILES, AND BIG THANK YOUS!

Labour Day at SBS, celebrated on May 1<sup>st</sup>, was nothing short of heartwarming — and a whole lot of fun! The school was buzzing with energy as students came together to honour the real heroes who keep our school running smoothly every single day — our dedicated *didis* and *bhaiyas*!

From sprucing up classrooms to crafting colourful cards and badges, students rolled up their sleeves to say a big “*thank you*” in the most hands-on way. These thoughtful gestures were more than just creative tasks — they were acts of empathy and appreciation that left everyone smiling.



Laughter filled the corridors as students took a moment to walk in the shoes of those who support them quietly and consistently. The message was clear: every helping hand adds up to a happy school.

This special day wasn't just about celebration — it was about connection, compassion, and community. Here's to the helping hands and kind hearts that keep our school shining — today and every day!

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## A Peek into Hindi Class – Learning, Laughter & Language!



After crunching numbers in the Math Workshop this April, Grade 6 parents returned to campus on May 2<sup>nd</sup>—this time, to dive into the vibrant world of Hindi learning.

The session opened with a lively round of Bingo (yes, Bingo in Hindi class!) that brought smiles and sparked curiosity. From brainstorming games to creative writing tasks and a spirited “Hotseat” role-play, parents got a front-row seat to the playful, interactive methods their children experience every day. They browsed student work, explored classroom strategies, and even found themselves thinking like middle schoolers again—for a little while at least!

Much like the Math session, this workshop wasn't just informative—it was a joyful reminder that learning at SBS is equal parts heart, humour, and hands-on discovery.



## A journey of growth, guided by values and fuelled by dreams!

Following the inspiring footsteps of the Senior School Investiture last month, it was time for our Middle School stars to take the stage! Held on May 6<sup>th</sup>, the Middle School Investiture Ceremony was a celebration of new responsibilities, proud moments, and bright futures.

From Grades 6 to 8, students were appointed as Class Representatives, House Prefects, Sports Captains, and Student Engagement Representatives—each role with a badge of honour, trust, and commitment. The stage may have held the spotlight, but the real magic lay in the leadership shining through each student.

The oath-taking ceremony was filled with heart. As voices echoed through the hall, pledging to lead with integrity and fairness, it was clear—Middle Schoolers are more than ready to rise to the challenge. What's even more exciting? This ceremony gives our students a glimpse of what lies ahead. These newly appointed leaders now have a taste of what it feels like to step up and shine.

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## ★ ★ ★ *Recognizing Achievements of students*

The Senior school Award Ceremony held on May 7<sup>th</sup>, was a vibrant celebration of achievement, dedication, and all-round brilliance! Hosted in the school auditorium, the atmosphere inside was just as warm as the rising summer temperature outside—filled with pride, joy, and the infectious energy of celebration. Students from Classes 8, 9, and 10 — across both CBSE and International curricula—were honoured for their outstanding accomplishments. From academic excellence and tech wizardry to sportsmanship, artistic flair, reading passion, and even consistent attendance—every award told a story of hard work and determination.

With proud parents, cheering peers, and teachers beaming with pride, the event sparkled with applause and emotion. It wasn't just about trophies and certificates—it was about celebrating the spirit of growth and perseverance that makes SBS truly special. The smiles were wide, the cheers were loud, and the memories made will surely linger long after the certificates are framed.

**Here's to every student who gave their best—you made the day unforgettable!**





## A Celebration of Love, Laughter & Legacy!

Grandparents' Day on 8<sup>th</sup> May was all heart—and a whole lot of fun! Held across all Grade 1 classrooms, the event honoured the love, wisdom, and quiet strength grandparents bring into our lives, while creating unforgettable moments of joy and togetherness.

The morning kicked off with magical storytelling sessions, followed by delightful hands-on activities—bookmark making, origami, envelope crafting, and lady finger painting! From fireless cooking and cheerful songs to riddles and a spirited game of *Tambola* (complete with cheeky fake currency), every corner of the classroom buzzed with giggles and creativity.

But more than anything, the day reminded us that when generations come together, learning becomes richer, memories grow deeper, and hearts feel fuller.



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*What happens when you mix warm coffee with honest conversations?*

You get two weeks of meaningful connection! In early May, our Counselling Department hosted a series of “Conversations over Coffee” sessions for parents of students moving from Middle to Senior School.

These relaxed gatherings were thoughtfully put together to ease the transition—with chats about academic shifts, teenage emotions, and everything in between. It was all about sharing stories, asking questions, and walking away feeling a little more prepared (and a lot more connected).

Because when school and home team up, amazing things happen!





## Ritu Suri Inter-School Art Fest 2025

*Navrang 2025* was hosted on 9th May in loving memory of Ms. Ritu Suri—our visionary founder, whose belief that every child deserves a space to grow, express, and shine continues to inspire us.

With the theme “Impressions of Imagination,” the day invited students with special education needs into a world of colour, texture, and storytelling. The atmosphere was filled with warmth and laughter as participants engaged in joyful, non-competitive activities designed to celebrate their individuality and creativity.

Every brushstroke, every smile, and every shared moment reflected the spirit of care and inclusion that continues to shape our community—a reminder that when we create with freedom and kindness, the most beautiful expressions emerge.

### *Stepping Into Their World: A Peek into Classrooms and Summer Plans!*



The Parent Walk-In, held through April and May for families of students from Nursery to Grade 5, offered a delightful window into our children’s everyday school life. Parents stepped into classrooms to observe, engage, and experience firsthand the thoughtful ways learning is woven into each day at SBS.

*One of the key takeaways?* Planning a summer that strikes just the right balance—between play, rest, and light learning. During group interactions, teachers shared simple, practical tips to help parents maintain a gentle rhythm at home, making sure the transition back to school after the holidays is smooth and stress-free.

A crowd favourite was the Reading Corner, brimming with book suggestions tailored for every age group. These handpicked reads aim to spark imagination, nurture curiosity, and keep the joy of reading alive all summer long! More than just a visit, the Parent Walk-In reaffirmed the power of school-home partnerships, reminding us that learning truly flourishes when we walk the journey together.





## SEN SUMMER CARNIVAL: A DAY OF JOY, WONDER, AND WHOLESOME FUN!

On May 16<sup>th</sup>, the campus lit up with laughter, creativity, and heart at our much-loved SEN Summer Carnival! Curated by the Special Education Needs Department, this vibrant celebration was all about joy, warmth, and giving our young learners a space where they truly shine.

It was a day full of magic and fun. At the Cooking Station, tiny hands mixed, measured, and decorated with glee—each treat as delightful as the smiles they wore. The Sensory Games Zone was a hit too, offering everything from textured walkways and soothing water play to musical moments that made everyone groove!

In the Storytelling Corner, tales came alive through animated narration, puppetry, and eager participation—sparking imagination and encouraging little voices to speak up. Over at the Superhero Photo Booth, students struck their best power poses in capes and costumes, channeling their inner heroes.

And of course, the Role Play Stations turned everyday scenarios into exciting adventures, helping children build life skills while having an absolute blast.

The day was a perfect blend of exploration, learning and loads of fun!—every moment was a reminder of the power of care, creativity, and inclusion.







# MAHIR SIKAND

**Class of 2015**

**Currently working at:** University Living  
**Degree:** Hospitality Management,  
Manchester Metropolitan University

**01** What are you currently doing, and what excites you most about your work?

At University Living, I help students going abroad find safe and comfortable accommodation. But for me, it's more than just housing. I work closely with students to understand their preferences and concerns—it's about making them feel confident and supported at a time when everything else is new. What excites me is knowing that I'm helping someone feel a little less alone as they begin a significant new chapter in life.

**02** Looking back, how did your time at Step By Step influence your mindset or the way you approach work today?

At SBS, I was always encouraged to put in the effort and received support—not for grades, but because trying mattered. My teachers saw potential in me even when I didn't. That built a sense of self-belief. The empathy and care I received then are what I try to offer now in my own professional space.

**03** What would you say to current students who may be unsure of their path?

You don't have to have it all figured out. But if you stay honest with yourself and open to learning, things start falling into place. It's okay to take time, ask for help, and try different things. Just keep moving forward.

*His teachers at SBS remember him as a soft-spoken yet determined learner—someone who always went the extra mile. "If we asked him to do 10 questions, he would come back with 20," one teacher recalls. It was never about being perfect—it was about trying and trying again.*



**“** *At Step By Step School, I felt truly wanted for the first time, the warmth in the air, the familiar hallways, and the way the faculty greeted me with genuine smiles made it feel like more than just a school—it became my second home.*

-Mahir Sikand

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# Academic Results 2024–25

At SBS, we believe that success is not defined by numbers alone, but by the spirit of exploration, resilience, and personal growth that each student embodies. We are proud to nurture well-rounded individuals who pursue excellence across disciplines, develop strength of character, and prepare to contribute meaningfully to the world. That said, academic milestones often serve as important stepping stones to future possibilities.

It gives us great joy to share that our students have achieved outstanding results in the recent board examinations.

## Highlights of CBSE Results

	Grade 10	Grade 12
Total Students	105	102
Students with Special Needs	15	08
Class Average	88.30%	88%
Median Score	89.20%	88.60%



### Class 10 CBSE Toppers



98%

ASHMITA JAIN



97.80%

YASHICA DAGA



97.60%

ADITYA DUTTA



### Class 12 CBSE Toppers



98.60%

AADITYA NANDA  
(COMMERCE)



97.20%

PRANAVI BAJORIA  
(SCIENCE)



97%

RAGINI SEN  
(HUMANITIES)



97%

SAMAIRA CHANDHOK  
(COMMERCE)



# Highlights of IGCSE Results

March Series

Grade 10

Total Number Of Students Appeared

46

Pass Rate

100%

Percentage of A\* and A Grades

69%



## School Topper with all A\*



A\* in all 9 subjects

NAYANTARA SINGH



## School Toppers with A\* and A



AAHANA JAISWAL



AANYA BHAKRI



AARAV JAIN



AARAV JAIN



AHANA CHANDRA



AKSHARA DHAWAN



AMITDEEP AGGARWAL



ANAHITA SHANDILYA



ARAV KHANNA



MEHER GUPTA



MUGDHA DASH



On the horizon:

# June

JUNE 2025						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



Summer Camp

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New Staff Induction

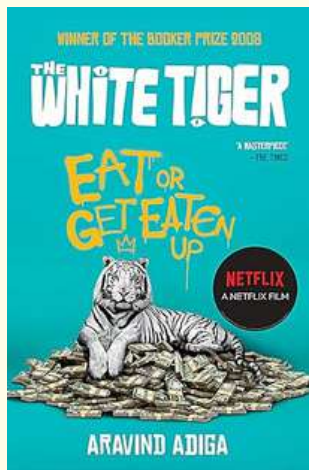
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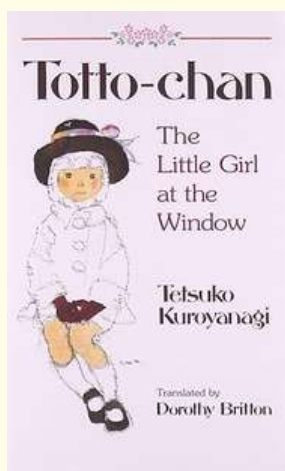
Repair & Maintenance Team at Work (all summer break)

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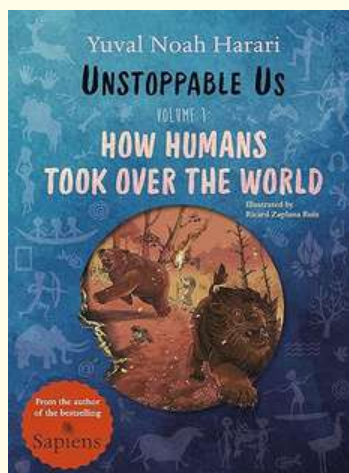
## Five Great Reads of the Month



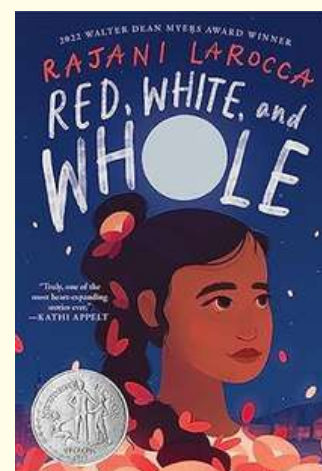
Adiga, Aravind



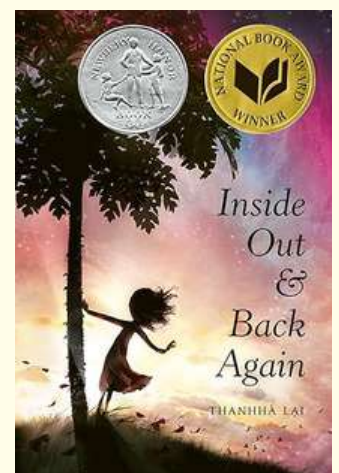
Tetsuko Kuroyanagi



Yuval Noah Harari



Rajani LaRocca



Thanhha Lai

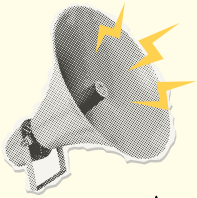
## Welcome to the SBS Family!



We're excited to welcome Bunty Chauhan to the IT department who joined us on May 5<sup>th</sup>! 🎉

Bunty, an alum of Punjab Technical University and Gurukula Kangri University, has travelled across India for work. A true tech enthusiast, he also has a flair for cooking (yes, he's a chef in the making!). His passion for solving tech challenges is matched by his love for experimenting with new recipes in the kitchen, a skill he developed during his bachelor days.





## THANKS FOR YOUR FEEDBACK!

In our April issue, we invited your thoughts on SBS CONNECT and promised a special mention for the first three responses.

A big shout-out to our earliest contributors for sharing their valuable feedback—we truly appreciate your insights!

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**Ujjaini Roy**

Faculty, Middle School

"On the Horizon stands out!  
What a template! The photos and  
briefs are stunning! Way to go!"

**Priyanka Jain**

Parent of Class 7E

"It was truly an honor to witness the  
Round Square program, and we were  
mesmerized by the performances. We are  
deeply grateful to the school for creating  
such enriching experiences for our child."

*feedback*

**Ritika**

Parent of Class 5C

"Beautifully curated, enjoying  
reading at leisure."

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*Haven't shared your thoughts yet? No worries—we're extending this initiative.  
Send in your feedback, and you may see your comments featured in our next  
issue!*

[Click here to share your thoughts](#) 

*Keep your ideas coming—we appreciate it!*





## SBS Moments

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







“ 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. ”

*Mrs. Ritu Suri*



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