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# From One Inspiring Chapter to the Next

Nishi Jauhar has been a steady and reassuring presence in the everyday life of Junior School. Having joined during the uncertain pandemic years, she brought calm, clarity and confidence to a time of change. Her leadership was rooted in warmth, respect and trust, creating an environment where teachers felt heard, supported and encouraged to think independently.

By giving people space to reflect, experiment and grow, while always being available with her reassuring “ho jayega,” she nurtured a culture of confidence and psychological safety. This enriched student learning, as teachers felt empowered to create thoughtful, responsive experiences with greater care.

From curriculum conversations to everyday guidance, her contribution has strengthened both practice and relationships within the Junior School. As she moves into her next chapter, we thank her for her wisdom, kindness and support, and wish her continued joy, success and fulfilment ahead.

**Nishi Ma’am, Thank you for your camaraderie and leadership!**

As Nishi Ma’am passes on the baton and a beautiful legacy to carry forward, it is a delight to welcome **Jaya Modi** as the **Head of Junior School**. With over 25 years of experience in early childhood and primary education, including leadership roles, Jaya brings warmth, wisdom and a deeply child-centred vision to SBS. She believes children are capable, curious and active participants in their own learning, and that teacher wellbeing and parent partnership are vital to a thriving school community. Guided by her pursuit of “engaging children in the joyful pursuit of self-discovery and becoming the best version of themselves,” we look forward to her embracing leadership.

**Jaya Ma’am, Welcome aboard!**





# The Sunshine Carnival



The SEN Summer Carnival 2026 filled the school with unparalleled energy, creating a warm and embracing space for students to learn, play and celebrate together. Thoughtfully planned to encourage creativity, communication, confidence, teamwork and sensory engagement, the carnival offered a range of exciting experiences.

Students made beautiful summer holiday cards at the Art & Craft station, explored fun digital activities during the ICT sessions, and danced with great enthusiasm during the lively Dance & Freeze games. The role-play activities gave them opportunities to speak confidently about summer, community helpers and different states, strengthening their language and expressive skills.

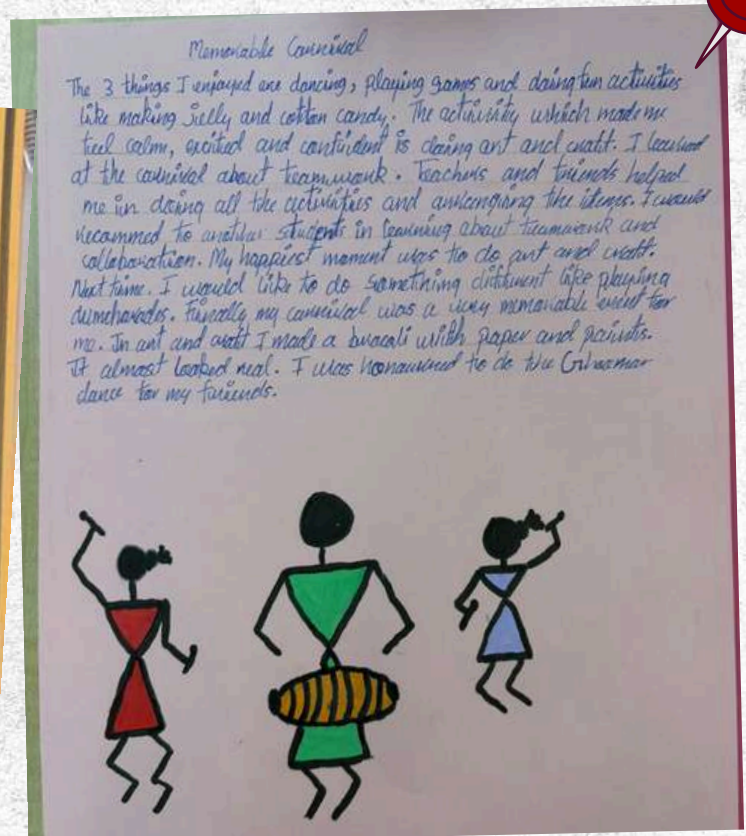
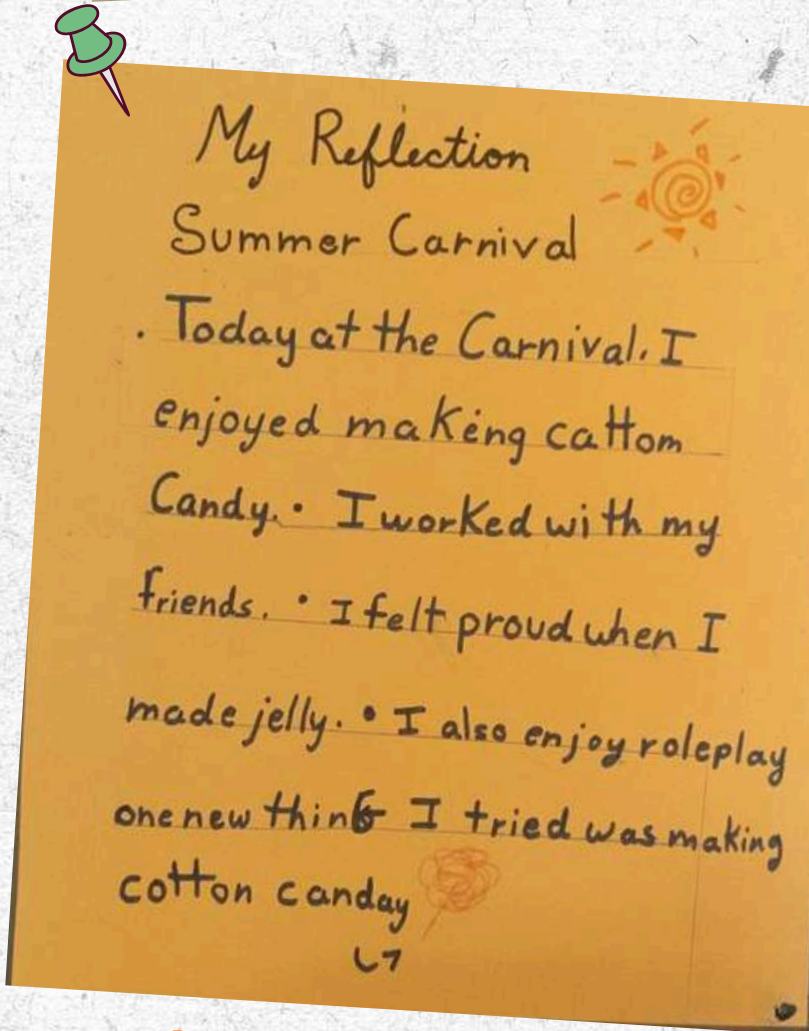
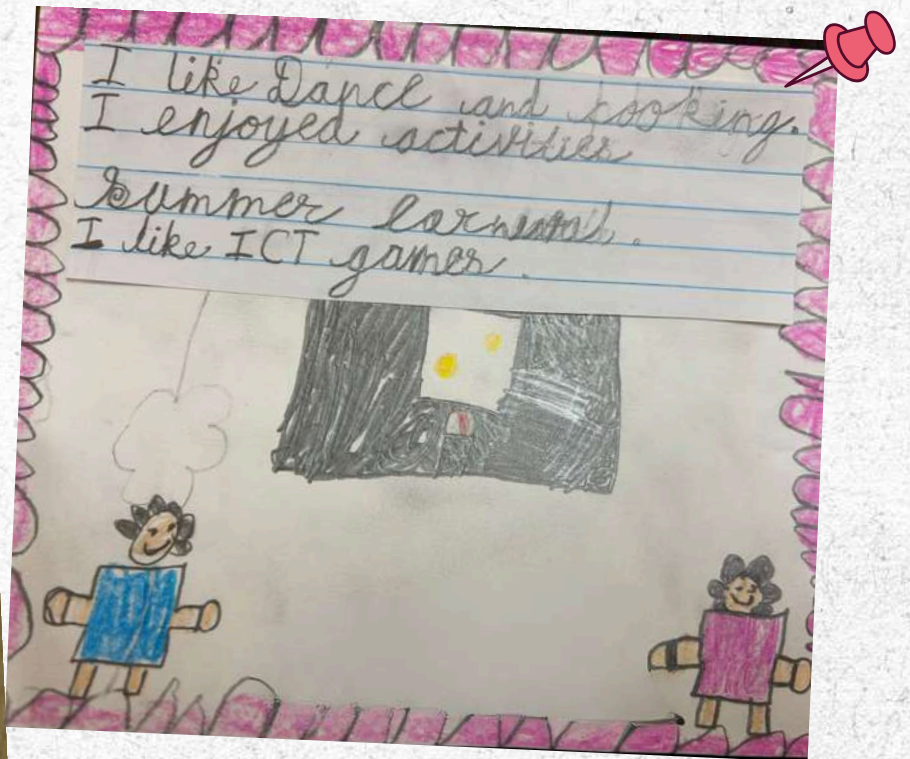
The cooking corner was a sensory delight, where students prepared simple treats like cotton candy and jelly honing independence and teamwork.

The photography corner added sparkle, with cheerful poses and endless smiles. The carnival beautifully celebrated every child's individuality, making it a memorable day of learning, laughter and togetherness.



# It Was Felt Deeply!

## Reflections from The Summer Carnival



[View the moments >>](#)



# Next Gen Leaders Take Oath!



Leadership took centre stage in Middle School this May as the newly constituted Student Parliament 2026–27 was formally invested. What made the journey to the Investiture Ceremony meaningful was the process behind the badges. Students began by self-nominating, sharing their ideas through forms, and then stepping into interviews that encouraged them to think deeply about responsibility, initiative and service. Class representatives, House Prefects and Student Engagement Representatives were elected across the Middle School grades, each ready to play an active role by being the changemakers. The ceremony celebrated their commitment and set an energetic tone for the year ahead - one shaped by participation, accountability, respect and the courage to lead from the front.

[Catch highlights on IG reel >>](#)

# Seva Starts Young!

At Junior School, the Seva Council helps children discover that leadership begins with care. Modelled around kindness, empathy, humility, cooperation and social responsibility, it encourages students to practise service through small, thoughtful actions.

The Junior School Seva Council Investiture Ceremony, held on May 7<sup>th</sup>, celebrated this spirit of service and young leadership. The newly elected council members were formally appointed and took a pledge to serve with sincerity, compassion and dedication.

The badging ceremony, conducted by the Principal and the Head of Junior School was an encouragement to lead by example and contribute meaningfully to the school community with pride and purpose.



[View the moments >>](#)



# Gratitude in Action

## Marking Labour Day

Shram Divas at our school was - all heart! Across school, students dwelled on the understanding of labour, its various facets and cultivated appreciation for all forms of hard work. They came together to celebrate our wonderful Didis and Bhaiyas, whose care and hard work keep our days running smoothly.

While Primary School understood the concept of labour; Junior School filled the corridors with Grade 5 'Shout-Out' posters, Grade 3 thank-you cards, Grade 4 decorations, Grade 2 compering, and a cheerful Grade 1 Bhangra performance. Middle School added its own thoughtful touch - Grade 6 made cards, Grade 7 interacted with support staff and listened to their stories, while Grade 8 stepped into a leadership role in the lunch hall. A classroom cleaning drive helped students experience ownership, responsibility and respect for shared spaces - adding more meaning to the Labour Day celebrations.



[View the moments on Instagram >>](#)

# NAVRANG 2026

## Taking colors for a ride!

Navrang 2026 bloomed into a vibrant celebration of creativity and inclusion, beautifully echoing the belief that art knows no boundaries. The day opened on a joyful note with spirited singing and energetic dance performances that filled the atmosphere with colour and penetrating cheer.

Students participated with wonderful enthusiasm, expressing themselves through confidence, and visible imagination. Visiting schools warmly appreciated the experience and thoroughly enjoyed the performances. It was a spontaneous delight to see students from the participating schools break into impromptu singing, adding such joy and excitement to the festivities.

The art fest offered a colourful range of hands-on activities, including pot decoration, lantern making, best out of waste, leaf and twig design, vegetable printing scenery, tote bag painting and DIY photo frame making. Each creation reflected imagination at play, as the students won badges and certificates presented to all participants for their unmatched creative expression.

[View the moments >>](#)



# SAMVAAD THE POWER OF A PAUSE



Our Senior School introduced Samvaad, a thoughtful initiative by the Counselling Department, to give students something they often miss in the rush of packed timetables, academic demands and everyday interactions - a real pause.

Beginning with Grade XI on 4 May, the half-day session created a safe and reflective space for students to look inward, listen to one another and explore questions that quietly shape their lives: Why do I respond the way I do? What influences my choices? Who am I becoming?

Centred on the theme “Who Are We Becoming?”, students engaged in small-group conversations, reflective exercises and experiential activities with counsellors. The focus was not on providing ready answers, but on encouraging students to notice their emotions, behaviours, relationships and choices with honesty and awareness.

What made Samvaad especially meaningful was the openness students brought into the room. They shared, listened, laughed, reflected and discovered that their peers were navigating many similar questions too. Key student reflections were later shared with teachers, coordinators and curriculum leaders, helping strengthen empathy and support within school. Samvaad opened conversations that will stay with the students for a long time.



[View the moments >>](#)



# International Dance Day



Our school swayed in rhythm, movement and infectious energy as students and teachers across the school celebrated International Dance Day on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Observed globally to commemorate the birth anniversary of Jean-Georges Noverre, the pioneer of modern ballet, the day celebrates dance as a universal language of expression, culture and connection. For our Primary School, the celebration became a delightful introduction to diverse dance forms. Mithu Ma'am introduced students to the grace of Odissi, familiarising them with Tribhangi, Chauka, and the Musthi and Pataka mudras. Divya Ma'am brought in the elegance of Kathak, while Anand Sir delighted the children with the basics of ballet, including simple pirouette movements and the classic 'V' position. The children joined in enthusiastically, making the experience joyful and memorable.



In Middle School, dance took over the lunch break with impromptu sessions on the Ground Floor and Basement. Students gathered, cheered, danced freely and joined fun movement challenges. Taking forward the excitement and celebrations - 62 students registered for a specialised dance workshop focused on movement and choreography.

Senior School continued the celebration with community dancing during lunch, followed by an engaging Jazz Dance Workshop by The Danceworx at the Studio Theatre, where around 40 students discovered movement, rhythm and choreography with a gusto!



[View the moments >>](#)

# SMASHING IT AT THE TABLE!



Our **table tennis stars** served up an exciting performance at the Pragyan Inter-School Table Tennis Tournament!



Representing SBS in the U-14 and U-17 Boys Team categories, Yuvraan Chopra, Samarh Dhari Sinha, Kabir Singh Arora, Agastya Sharma, Vatsal Dhari Sinha and Aaditya Bansal displayed superb skill, teamwork and sportsmanship. The **U-14 Boys Team** bagged an impressive **3rd position**, while the **U-17 Boys Team** powered their way to **1st place**.

## TOO MUCH TALENT!

The **Team Trials 2026–27** wrapped up with visible sporting spirit and high energy! From Junior to Senior School, students stepped up across sports disciplines, bringing skill, spirit and sportsmanship to the field.

With 500+ enthusiastic participants, the trials were competitive and revealing - marking a spirited start to the year's sporting journey at SBS.



# CRICKET

## *Love for Weekends*



The **Weekend Cricket League 2026** brought five weeks of action, energy and lived cricketing excitement! Played across 10 match days, the league saw 25 enthusiastic students compete in four teams across two groups, showcasing skill, teamwork, sportsmanship and a true love for the game.

From sharp bowling to confident batting and brilliant fielding, every match kept players and spectators engaged. In Group I, Adira Aggarwala, Rivansh Nayar, Yuvaan Agrawal and Ayaan Khushu Sinha earned special honours. In Group II, Neel Govind, Aryan Dhupar, Yuvaan Arjun Sehgal and Ivaan Agarwal were recognised for their outstanding performances.

The league ended on a joyful note with a friendly Parents' Match, celebrating sport, community and togetherness and the fact that love of cricket flows in our veins!





How do we do

हिंदी ?



Our Hindi Department brought learning alive for Grade VI parents through an engaging and interactive session. Beginning with a fun grammar activity, the workshop offered a clear glimpse into the Hindi curriculum, writing formats, homework routines and assessment approach. Parents explored student work samples, brainstorming tasks, group activities and role-play, experiencing the same lively methods used in classrooms. The session highlighted conceptual understanding, creativity and competency-based learning.

*Thank you parents for participating with such enthusiasm and with shared love for our language.*



## Partners in Early Years Parenting

The Montessori and Nursery parent community came together once again for an engaging follow-up parenting session with renowned Integrative Psychotherapist, Ms. Gloria Burrett, on May 18th. Building on the encouraging response to the March session, the workshop sparked thoughtful reflection and active parent engagement. Ms. Burrett shared practical, easy-to-use strategies for setting gentle yet consistent boundaries, helping parents create secure, emotionally supportive home environments. It was a warm, insightful, and energising session focused on helping young children bloom.



# सब्ज़ी वाला

## खेल-खेल में सीखना

नर्सरी कक्षा में एक रोचक “सब्ज़ी वाला” गतिविधि का आयोजन किया गया, जहाँ शिक्षकों ने स्वयं सब्ज़ी विक्रेता (सब्ज़ी वाला) बनकर बच्चों के साथ एक जीवंत अनुभव साझा किया। रंग-बिरंगी सब्ज़ियों से सजी एक आकर्षक ठेली (सब्ज़ी कार्ट) के माध्यम से बच्चों को विभिन्न सब्ज़ियों के नाम और उनके रंग हिंदी में सिखाए गए। शिक्षकों ने हर सब्ज़ी के बारे में सरल और रोचक जानकारी दी जैसे उसका स्वाद, उपयोग और सेहत के लिए लाभ। बच्चों ने घर से लाई हुई सब्ज़ियों का मिलान किया और उनके रंग, आकार व बनावट में अंतर को समझा। इंद्रियों (देखना, छूना, सूंघना) के माध्यम से सीखने का यह अनुभव बच्चों के लिए आनंददायक और ज्ञानवर्धक रहा।



## Because Play Matters

Play is not ‘just play’, but a powerful way for children to explore, express, imagine, problem-solve and build confidence - highlighted our Early Years team to the parents in a highly engaging parent workshop on The Importance of Play in Early Childhood, facilitated by Chetan Singh and Rachna Kokkar.

Thank you parents for enthusiastically joining the hands-on activities. We together discovered how everyday and recycled materials can become exciting play resources at home. Thoughtfully designed by our experienced faculty, the workshop created a joyful space for parents and educators to connect, reflect and celebrate the magic of learning through play.

[View the moments >>](#)

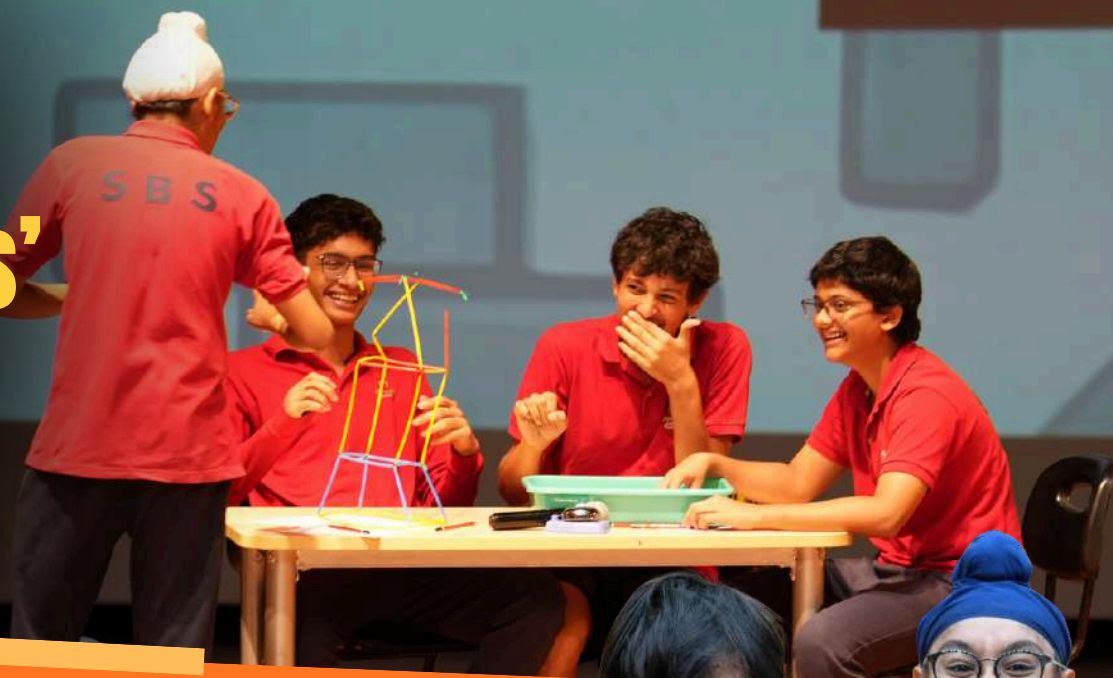
## Every Splash a Therapy!

At our school’s splash pool - every splash tells a happy story of movement, confidence and discovery. For children with diverse abilities, water creates a space where the body feels lighter and movement becomes easier.



Its natural buoyancy supports strength, balance and coordination, while the gentle rhythm and pressure help calm the mind, especially for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. What begins as pool time soon becomes joyful therapy — a place of comfort, focus, freedom and exciting little breakthroughs.

# Quiz BUZZ: The Seniors' SCIENCE Face-Off!



The Senior School Science Quiz brought curiosity, teamwork and innovation together in a lively contest of minds. After an individual preliminary round, four house teams were formed, each with students from Grades 9 to 12. Designed thoughtfully by the Science Department, the quiz featured exciting rounds including General Science, Buzzer, Makers, Champions of Science and Rapid Fire.



From answering questions across Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Computer Science to building load-bearing towers, students put knowledge into action. Shout out to Aarav Jain and Arshia Jain who hosted the event with such finesse.

With loud cheering and audience questions adding to the buzz, *Bhaskar House* emerged as the winner. Quite a celebration of Science!



## Quizonomics Outplayed!



The Interhouse Economics Quiz 2026 turned economic learning at the school into a sharp battle of ideas, awareness, and quick thinking. After an MCQ-based preliminary round, the top four scorers from each house earned their place in the finals. The quiz covered economics, current affairs, and policy-making, challenging students to think beyond textbooks.

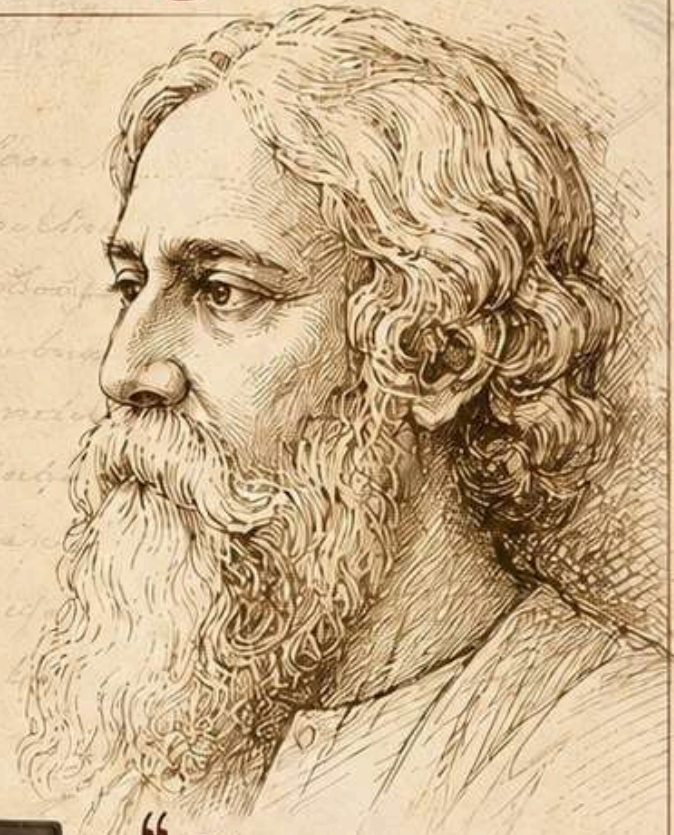


Charged up audience rounds added energy, as correct answers boosted house scores, each time. After closely contested rounds, *Bhanu House* emerged victorious, while *Bhaskar House* secured second place with an impressive performance.

# The Timeless Tagore

Junior school time travelled as our Grade 2-A, 2-B & A3A brought **Rabindranath Tagore's** times back to life in the special assembly to mark 165 years of the literary legend. Students introduced him as a 'Superhero of Creativity'- an embodiment of finesse across the varied hats he donned as a poet, painter, teacher, thinker, and the first Asian Nobel Prize winner. Their heartfelt recitation of *Where the Mind is Without Fear* echoed Tagore's timeless message of courage, truth, and kindness. A spirited play, *The Parrot Who Lost His Voice*, reminded everyone that learning must be joyful, free, and full of wonder.

With cheerful renditions of *Phule Phule Dhole Dhole* and *Ekla Cholo Re*, the assembly became a beautiful celebration of nature, courage, creativity, and curiosity.



“ চিত্ত যেথা ভয়শূন্য,  
উচ্চ যেথা শির... ”  
রবীন্দ্রনাথ ঠাকুর



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# What's Your Summer like?



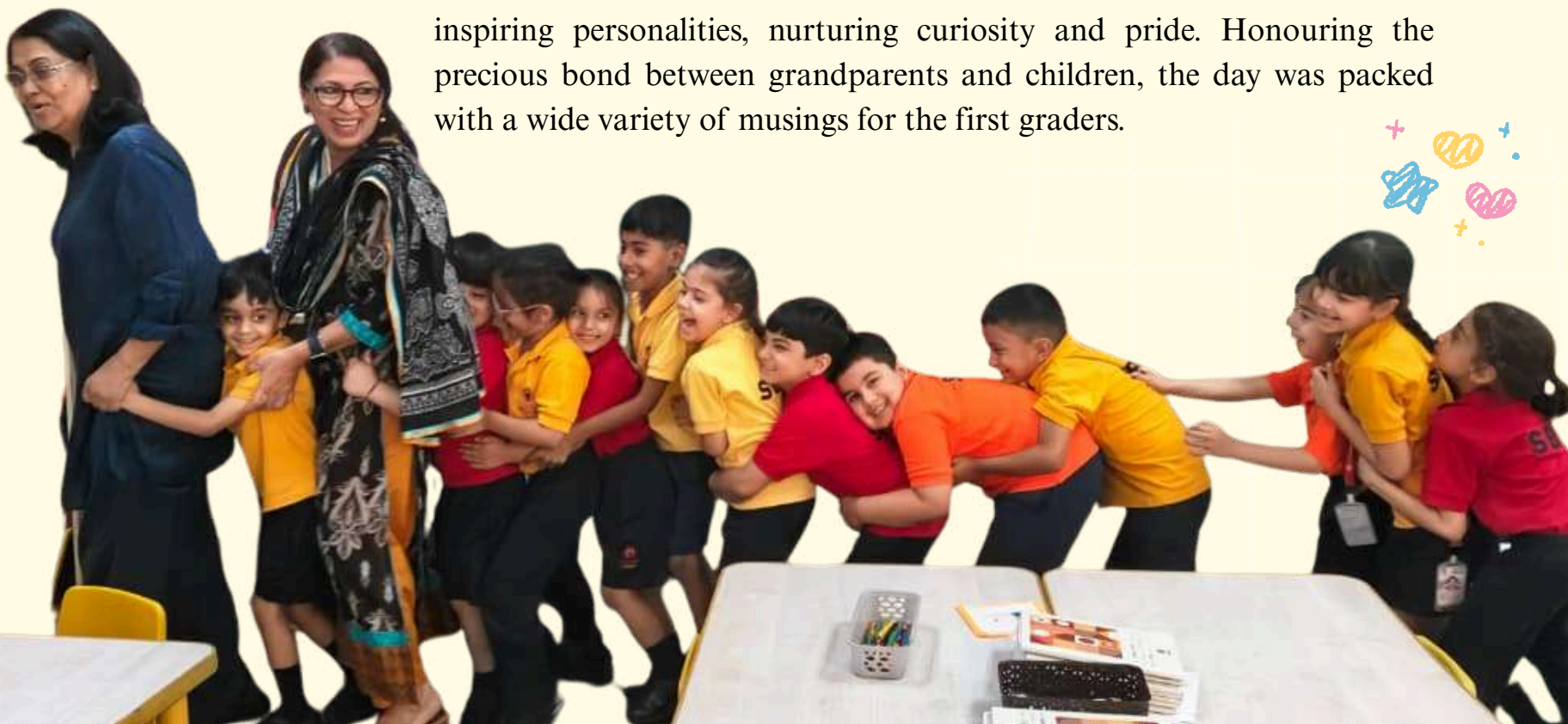
Grade 3-C brought sunshine, smiles, and smart ideas to the stage through their lively assembly, **'Summer Fun, Summer Learning!'** The presentation highlighted how the summer break can be a happy mix of rest, travel, family time, creativity, and meaningful learning. With confident narrators, an engaging skit, cheerful music, and an energetic dance performance, the students reminded everyone that holidays are not just for fun, but also for reading, learning new skills, helping parents, staying active, and exploring new interests.

Their closing presentation beautifully captured thoughtful summer goals such as staying healthy, spending time creatively, and growing beyond the classroom. The final message said it all: 'This summer, let's grow, glow, and have fun!'



## Grandparents Day in

Grade 1 celebrated Grandparents' Day with warmth and wide-eyed wonder. Grandparents stepped into classrooms as storytellers, singers, magicians, guides, and companions, making the day truly special for the children. From timeless tales like *The Monkey and the Crocodile* and *Hugless Douglas* to a hilarious lion-and-mouse watermelon story, every session sparked excitement. Colourful magic tricks, riddles, card magic, mantra chanting, role play, and imagination-led drawing added to the joy. An informative session on nation-building introduced inspiring personalities, nurturing curiosity and pride. Honouring the precious bond between grandparents and children, the day was packed with a wide variety of musings for the first graders.



# Listen & Share Beyond Barriers = SEVA



Our Middle School Seva Team, in collaboration with Barkat Foundation, brought together 40 students - 20 from each side - for a perceptive morning. Facilitated by Sahidul sir as a highly interactive session, it opened with warm ice-breakers, followed by collaborative activities that encouraged students to listen, share, and connect beyond differences. A powerful reflection on the 'inside self' and 'outside self' helped students explore empathy, identity, and self-awareness.

The Senior School Seva Outreach sessions at Rohillapur, Shahpur, and Apna Heera on May 16<sup>th</sup> were equally enriching. Students led engaging lessons to suit the understanding of the children, on varied topics: density, prepositions, mental math, vocabulary building, and chemical reactions. At Apna Heera, discussions on neurodiversity and inclusion through posters, presentations, and reflection circles made for a lived experience of empathy in action.

# Becoming Boys of **AWARENESS**

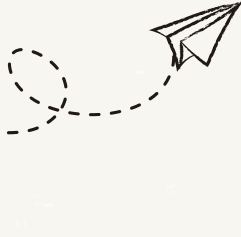


Mid-May saw highly focussed sessions on adolescent wellness and sexuality education for our Middle School boys, curated by the Counselling Department, in collaboration with Dr. Amit Sen. Spanning 3 days, the sessions were designed for students of Grades 6 to 8, opening up thoughtful, age-appropriate conversations on adolescence, puberty, emotional wellbeing, personal safety and responsible choices.

Students explored important themes such as boundaries, consent, healthy relationships, emotional regulation, respectful peer interactions and media exposure. Creating a safe, respectful and non-judgemental space for the students, the discussions equipped them to build self-awareness, empathy, accountability and confidence as they navigate adolescence.



# Learning Connect LED BY LEARNERS



The Class IX IGCSE Learning Connect, held on Friday, May 15th offered parents a meaningful glimpse into the learning journey of students over the first six weeks of the new IGCSE session. Designed as a student-led conference, the session placed students at the centre of the presentation, giving them the opportunity to explain what they had been learning, how they had been learning, and the classroom experiences that shaped their understanding.

Parents moved in a carousel format across different classrooms, engaging with student groups representing various subjects. Each group confidently presented subject-specific learning, shared classroom processes, and reflected on the skills developed during the initial weeks of the programme.

The session was deeply appreciated by parents, who valued the clarity, confidence, and ownership displayed by the students. They also appreciated the detailed presentations, which helped them understand the depth, structure, and inquiry-led approach of the IGCSE curriculum. The event beautifully reflected student voice, active learning, and meaningful parent-school engagement.



ALUMNI STORY

# Akash Bhargava

Class of 2016

From SBS Courts to California Circuits



Akash's story belongs to the classrooms, basketball courts, cricket fields, swimming lanes, tournament buses, and school corridors full of friends - in equal parts. He is based in the Bay Area, California, working as a Datacom Transceiver R&D Engineer at Coherent, where he designs hardware that enables data centres for AI.

### **Engineering the Next Big Thing**

Graduating with a B.Tech in Electronics and Communication Engineering from Manipal Institute of Technology, Manipal, he followed his passion in communication systems and hardware design - which took him to the US to pursue Masters in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University ( focusing on Communication Theory and Printed Circuit Board Design).

Today, his work brings together hardware, data and AI - a space that is shaping the future in very real ways.

### **Plot Twist: COVID Entered the Chat**

His original plan was simple: finish college, head straight for his Master's, but COVID put a pause to it. While travel halted, universities were uncertain and there was no clear next step - he chose not to drift. He took up a research project, stayed focused, and turned the detour into a lesson in patience, resilience and adaptability.

### **The SBS Highlight Reel**

Akash's SBS memories are replete with a lot of action - cricket, basketball, swimming, matches and tournaments. The biggest high? Being part of the team that won SBS its first-ever trophy. "That was very cool," he recalls. Add Form Evenings and Razzmataz, and school still feels unforgettable.

### **The Teachers Who Had His Back**

He still remembers the teachers who made the intense senior years feel lighter and clearer: Sandhya Ma'am guided his engineering choices, Shefali Ma'am kept him motivated, and Kirti Ma'am brought warmth, humour and calm when school life felt most overwhelming.

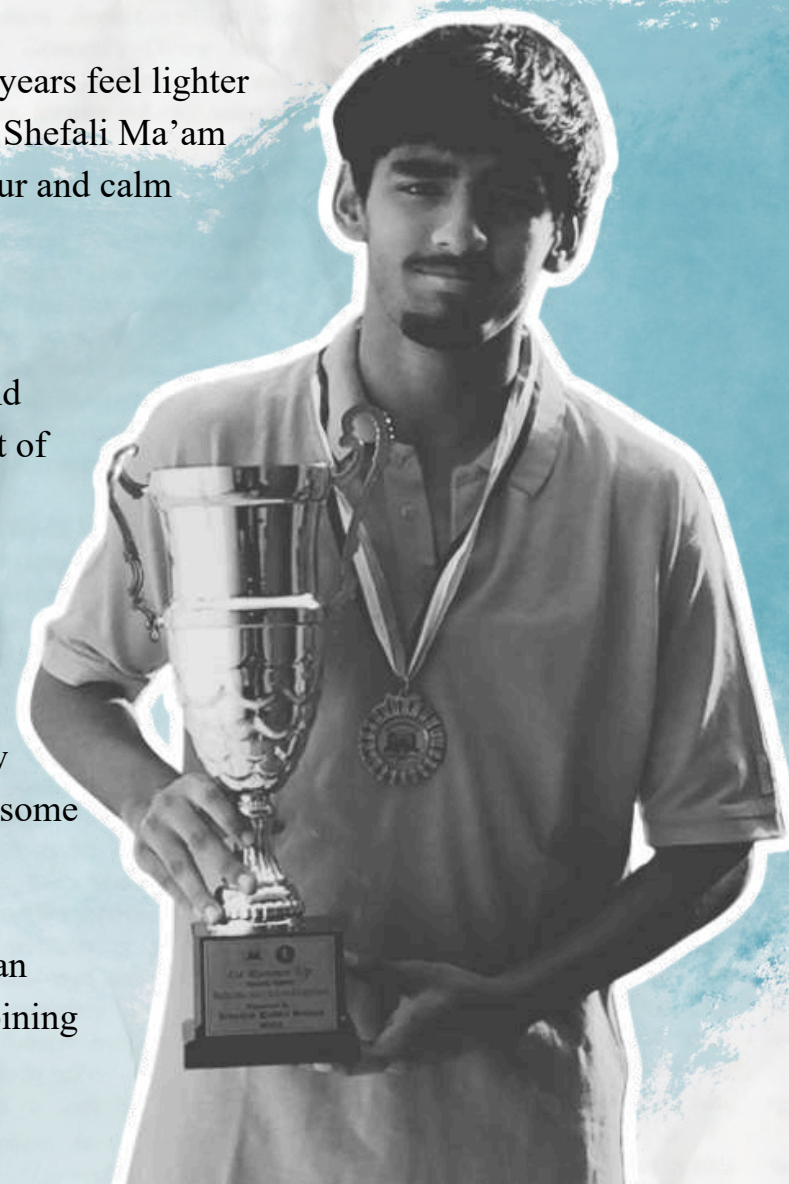
### **Still in the Game**

If there is one passion from school he would love to return and share with students, it is basketball. Sport continues to be part of his life even today, and he still plays cricket, now in a semi-professional league.

### **His Message to SBS Students**

His advice to juniors is simple: make the most of school. Join teams, take part in events, be part of committees, try new things and make friends. The friends he made at SBS remain some of his closest even today.

Because sometimes, the road from an SBS court in Noida to an AI hardware lab in California begins with just showing up, joining in and saying yes.



# Welcome to the SBS Family!



Ms. Aakriti Khosla

We warmly welcome our new counsellor, Aakriti to SBS. A counselling psychologist and expressive arts therapist, she brings a thoughtful blend of empathy, creativity and reflection.

A dancer at heart, avid reader, traveller, art enthusiast and National-Level Shooter, she values focus, resilience, growth and meaningful connection.

Jaya joins SBS as Head of Junior School with over 25 years of experience as an educator, entrepreneur and academic leader. An avid reader and traveller with a love for history, she believes children are capable, confident learners and that ‘the purpose of education is peace and harmony.’

We warmly welcome her to the SBS community.



Ms. Jaya Modi

We are delighted to have Abhishek join us as an academic faculty, Middle School. A passionate teacher who finds joy in learning, growing and making a positive impact, he brings creativity beyond the classroom.

With interests in cooking, photography, travelling and writing, he believes life is a continuous journey of discovery, expression and meaningful connection.



Mr. Abhishek Chaudhary

## Mark Your Calendar!

June gets a background score tune, wherein school renews itself from within - via deep cleaning, maintenance and staff inductions.

For updates through the month, stay connected via:

 [www.sbs-school.org](http://www.sbs-school.org) 



Scan the QR Code to stay updated with all the events.



## On the horizon: June 2026

25<sup>th</sup> May  
20<sup>th</sup> June

Summer Camp

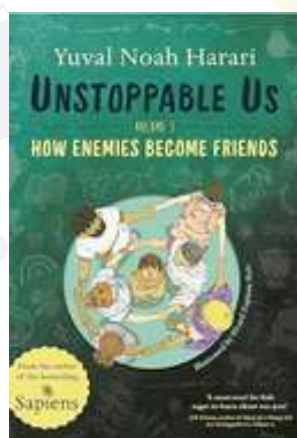
27<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>  
& 30<sup>th</sup>  
June

New Staff Induction  
(Pehal)

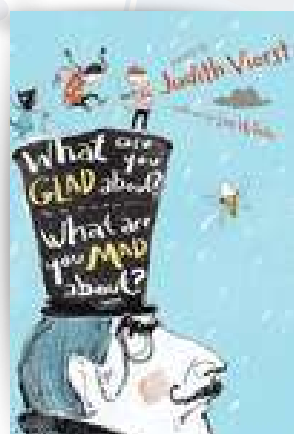
23<sup>rd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>  
June

Repair & Maintenance  
Team at Work  
(All Summer Break)

## Five Great Reads of the Month



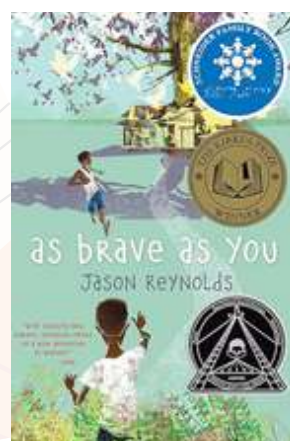
**Yuval Noah  
Harari**



**Judith Viorst and  
Lee White**



**Julia Donaldson**



**Shobha Viswanath**



**Piers Torday**



# SBS Moments





“ 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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