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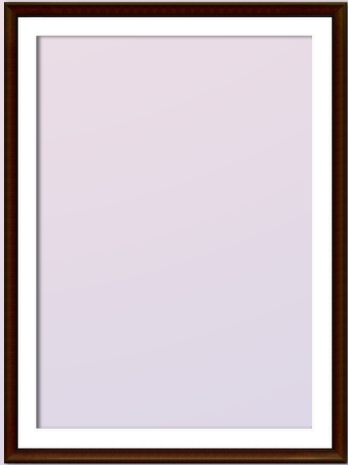


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The Morning Assembly is a unique opportunity to cultivate a sense of community to foster a love of learning and to inspire young minds to grow into compassionate and responsible individuals

-John Dewey

Morning assembly in schools is a fundamental part of the day, playing a crucial role in fostering unity, discipline, and a positive atmosphere. It begins with the gathering of students and staff at one place, which creates a sense of community and belonging. The Assembly starts with a prayer, allowing everyone to begin the day on a calm and reflective note, promoting inner peace and focus.

It is also an important platform for school authorities to convey announcements and essential information, ensuring that everyone is on the same page. Additionally, news reading during the assembly keeps students informed about current events, helping them stay connected with the world beyond the classroom. The "Thought of the Day" provides moral and ethical guidance, encouraging students to reflect on positive values and begin their day with an inspiring message.

Teachers often use the assembly to address the students, offering academic guidance or motivational talks that can shape their day ahead. Occasionally, special visitors are invited to speak, bringing fresh perspectives and inspiration from various fields. Sometimes special assembly is organised to celebrate some event or felicitate the achievers from the school. The presence of school community on such occasions is a morale booster for the recipients.

The assembly concludes with the singing of the National Anthem and sometimes patriotic songs, which instils a sense of national pride and reminds students of their responsibilities as citizens. This daily gathering is more than a routine; it is a vital part of school life that contributes to the holistic development of students, fostering a sense of unity, responsibility, and patriotism

Nirdosh Sehgal  
School Head



Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,



As we conclude the Second quarter of this academic year, I take immense pride in reflecting on the values we have collectively embraced as a school community. Our journey through the months of July, August, and September has been guided by the virtues of Honesty, Courage, and Respect, shaping not just our learning but also our character development.

In July, we focused on Honesty, teaching our students the importance of truthfulness and integrity. We encouraged them to be honest in their words and actions, fostering a culture of openness and trust. The activities conducted helped students understand that honesty is not just about telling the truth but also about being accountable for their actions and taking responsibility.

Courage was our virtue for August. We inspired our students to step out of their comfort zones, face challenges with determination, and stand up for what is right. Courage is not the absence of fear but the ability to act in spite of it. Our activities encouraged students to pursue their passions, voice their opinions, and show resilience in the face of adversity.

In September, we celebrated Respect, teaching our students to value not only themselves but also others. Respecting differences, showing kindness, and practicing empathy were the focal points. We emphasized the importance of treating everyone with dignity, creating an environment where each individual feels valued and heard.

These virtues are more than just monthly themes; they are fundamental to the fabric of our school. As we move forward, I encourage each of you to continue living by these values, ensuring they remain a guiding light in both your academic and personal lives.

Thank you for your ongoing support in fostering a community that is not only committed to excellence in education but also to the development of strong moral character.

Warm regards,  
Jigna Jagdish Khoyani  
Principal



## BEAT FOR A BETTER LIFE: WORLD HEART DAY CELEBRATION

World Heart Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at our school, aimed at raising awareness about heart health. The event featured an engaging speech by Dipal Upadhyay, who passionately discussed the heart as our vital organ. She highlighted its crucial role in pumping blood throughout the body and emphasized the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle for optimal heart function. Dipal stressed the need for regular exercise, a balanced diet, and effective stress management to prevent heart diseases.



Following her impactful speech, a lively act was performed by Hetal Dave, Dimple Patel, and Shubham Chandarana. They creatively illustrated a scenario in which the heart faced challenges due to poor lifestyle choices but ultimately triumphed through positive changes, such as eating healthy and incorporating exercise into daily routines. Their performance was both entertaining and a powerful reminder of the significance of heart care.

The event concluded on a high note, inspiring everyone to prioritize heart health and make informed lifestyle choices. Students left with a renewed commitment to nurture their hearts, understanding that small changes can lead to a healthier, happier life.





## EMBRACING PEACE: A INSPIRING ASSEMBLY ON WORLD PEACE DAY

On World Peace Day, our school organized a remarkable assembly that left a lasting impact on both students and staff. The event commenced with an inspiring speech by Tanvi Pandya, who emphasized the United Nations' commitment to fostering peace and harmony across the globe. Her words resonated deeply, reminding everyone of the urgent need for unity and understanding in our increasingly divided world.



Following the speech, a captivating mono act unfolded, showcasing the talents of teachers Dimple Patel, Dhvani, Roslin, Yamina Shaikh, Shubham Chandarana, and Ratna Rozatkar. Each teacher personified a different emotion: Sorrow, Pride, Greed, Stress, Hatred, and Fear. The performance creatively highlighted the struggles these emotions create within us and in society.

The transformative element of the act was introduced by Debi Som ma'am, who took on the role of Mother Teresa. With her gentle and nurturing demeanor, she guided each character through a journey of positive change. Sorrow was transformed into Joy, Pride into Humility, Greed into Giving, Stress into Peace, Hatred into Love, and Fear into Security. This poignant transformation served as a metaphor for how compassion can reshape our lives and communities.

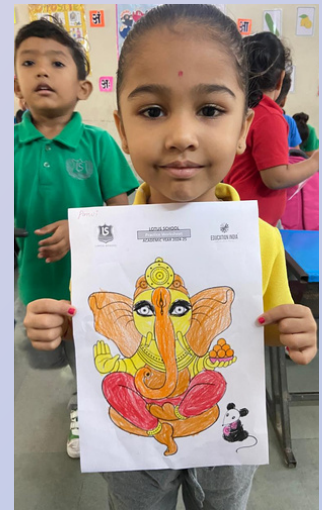


The assembly concluded with a heartfelt reminder of the importance of empathy and kindness in our quest for a peaceful world. Students left inspired, carrying with them the message that through unity and compassion, we can each contribute to building a brighter, more harmonious future.



## GANESH CHATURTHI: A JOYOUS JOURNEY OF ART AND DEVOTION!

Our school celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi with immense enthusiasm and creativity, engaging students in a meaningful tribute to Lord Ganesha. The festivities began with students coloring beautiful drawings of Ganpati, allowing them to express their artistic talents while connecting with the significance of the festival.



In the next activity, students participated in a clay modeling workshop, where they crafted their own Ganesh idols. This engaging experience not only sparked their creativity but also instilled a sense of pride as they shaped their representations of the beloved deity. With guidance from teachers, each student created unique idols that reflected their understanding of Ganesha's importance.

Once the idols were completed, a heartfelt pooja was conducted, where students gathered to offer prayers and seek blessings from Ganeshji, the remover of obstacles. To deepen their understanding of the festival, students enjoyed a film about Lord Ganesha, further immersing themselves in the rich traditions associated with Ganesh Chaturthi. The day culminated with the visarjan ceremony, where students, accompanied by joyous chants and music, bid farewell to their clay idols, symbolizing the cycle of creation and dissolution.

This celebration not only fostered creativity and devotion among students but also strengthened the sense of community and cultural appreciation within our school. Ganesh Chaturthi was truly a memorable and inspiring experience for all!



## TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION:



On Teachers' Day, students of class 7A delivered a heartfelt dance performance that beautifully expressed their appreciation for educators. The captivating routine blended classical and modern elements, symbolizing the guiding role teachers play in their lives. Following the dance, a passionate speech highlighted the dedication and hard work of teachers in shaping students' futures and inspiring a love for lifelong learning. The event was a touching reminder of the profound impact educators have, fostering gratitude and respect among students. It was a day filled with celebration, reflection, and heartfelt appreciation for those who guide and inspire. Dhyey Sindhav of 7thA shared his own heartfelt poem during the assembly, captivating the audience with his moving recitation. The child arrives like a mystery box, With puzzled pieces inside. Some of the pieces are broken or missing, And others just seem to hide. But the heart of a teacher can sort them out, And help the child to see The potential for greatness he has within, A picture of what he can be. Her goal isn't just to teach knowledge By filling the box with more parts. It's putting the pieces together And creating a work of art. This poem beautifully expresses gratitude towards teachers, comparing a child's potential to a mystery box. It highlights how teachers carefully guide students, helping them uncover their hidden abilities. Rather than just imparting knowledge, teachers shape and nurture each child's unique talents. The imagery of assembling puzzle pieces reflects a teacher's role in crafting a masterpiece from each student's potential. Dhyey Sindhav's heartfelt words acknowledge that a teacher's influence extends beyond the classroom, inspiring greatness.



## FESTIVE REVELRY: CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF LORD KRISHNA

Janmashtami was celebrated with immense joy and enthusiasm at our school, marking the birth of Lord Krishna. The festivities kicked off with a vibrant dance performance by the Buds group, who beautifully expressed the joyous arrival of Krishna through their rendition of "Aayega Koi Aayega." The energetic movements and colorful costumes captivated the audience, setting a festive tone for the celebration.

Following this lively performance, the Seeds group took the stage, enchanting everyone with their heartfelt rendition of "Nand Ghare Anand Bharyo." Their melodious voices filled the air with devotion, celebrating the happiness and love that Krishna brought to his family and devotees.

The celebration continued with the Blossoms group, who brought smiles to everyone's faces with their lively songs, "Makhan Chor" and "Gokul Ki Galiyon Mein." Their playful performance, complete with traditional dance and joyful expressions, captured the essence of Krishna's mischievous nature as the beloved butter thief.

The assembly concluded with cheers and applause, leaving students and teachers alike feeling uplifted and connected to the rich cultural heritage of India. The celebration not only honored Lord Krishna but also fostered a spirit of unity and joy within the school community.



## NO BAG DAY: A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO SUSTAINABILITY

Our recent No Bag Day was an enriching event that highlighted key aspects of environmental sustainability and healthy living through a series of interactive activities. The day was designed to educate students on composting, soil conservation, the importance of nutrition, rainwater harvesting, and the water cycle, all using reusable plastic bags as a creative tool.

The event began with a focus on composting. Students learned how to turn organic waste into nutrient-rich compost using simple techniques. Reusable plastic bags were employed to create mini composting systems, allowing students to observe the composting process up close and understand its benefits for reducing waste and enriching soil.



Next, the emphasis shifted to soil conservation. Students engaged in hands-on activities to explore soil layers and the effects of soil erosion. Using plastic bags filled with different soil types, students created models to simulate erosion and discussed methods to prevent it, such as planting cover crops and using erosion control techniques.

The importance of nutrition was also a key focus. Students learned about balanced diets and healthy eating habits through practical demonstrations. They used reusable plastic bags to pack nutritious meals and snacks, reinforcing the idea of making mindful food choices and reducing single-use plastics.

The session on rainwater harvesting involved building simple collection systems using plastic bags. Students learned how to capture and store rainwater for gardening and other uses, emphasizing the significance of water conservation and sustainable practices.

Finally, the day included an interactive exploration of the water cycle. Using plastic bags to represent different stages of the water cycle, students visually grasped the processes of evaporation, condensation, and precipitation, and discussed their importance in maintaining ecological balance.

Overall, No Bag Day was a success, providing students with valuable insights into sustainability and healthy living. The creative use of reusable plastic bags helped make complex concepts accessible and engaging, leaving a lasting impression on the importance of environmental stewardship and wellness.

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## CELEBRATING SADBHAVNA DIVAS: A DAY OF UNITY AND RESPECT

The institution recently observed Sadbhavna Divas with a touching ceremony that emphasized unity, respect, and harmony. The day's highlight was a special celebration, where students tied rakhis to the housekeeping staff, watchmen, and teachers, symbolizing the deep bonds of brotherhood and appreciation.

The event commenced with a brief introduction to Sadbhavna Divas, underscoring its significance in promoting peace and understanding among all members of the community. Students and staff gathered in the school courtyard, creating a warm and festive atmosphere.



The highlight of the day was a moving speech by the School Head, who reflected on the legacy of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. Emphasizing Gandhi's vision of a united and harmonious India, the School Head reminded everyone of the importance of communal harmony and mutual respect in our daily lives. This powerful address set the tone for the celebrations, reinforcing the day's purpose.

As part of the celebration, students took turns tying rakhis, a traditional gesture of protection and goodwill, to the housekeeping staff and watchmen who work tirelessly behind the scenes. This simple yet profound act of appreciation was met with smiles and heartfelt thanks, reinforcing the importance of recognizing and honoring every individual's contribution to our school environment.

Teachers, too, were honored with rakhis, symbolizing the bond of respect and gratitude between students and educators. The day was further enriched with thoughtful speeches and small tokens of appreciation for all staff members, emphasizing the value of their dedication and hard work.

The Raksha Bandhan ceremony was a beautiful reminder of the importance of unity and mutual respect in our daily lives. It was a day of fostering deeper connections and celebrating the collective effort that makes our school a nurturing and supportive community. The celebration not only honored individual contributions but also strengthened the collective spirit of harmony and goodwill in our school.





## QUIT INDIA MOVEMENT: A STUDENT TO TRIBUTE

Our school came together for a remarkable special assembly dedicated to the Quit India Movement, a defining chapter in India's journey to independence. This poignant event was a blend of stirring patriotic songs and an engaging skit, crafted to honor the valor and resolve of those who fought for our country's freedom.

The assembly commenced with a soul-stirring performance of "Vande Mataram" by the school choir. The iconic song resonated through the auditorium, infusing the atmosphere with a profound sense of national pride and unity. As the notes faded, the Principal took the stage to provide historical context, shedding light on the significance of the Quit India Movement, which began in 1942 under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi and the Indian National Congress.

The centerpiece of the assembly was an evocative skit titled "The Flames of Freedom," enacted by our talented students. Through compelling performances and period costumes, the skit brought to life the crucial events of the Quit India Movement. It depicted the fervor and determination of leaders like Gandhi, Nehru, and Patel, and the collective spirit of the Indian populace as they united in the struggle against British colonial rule. The students' portrayal was both educational and emotionally impactful, capturing the essence of the era with authenticity and passion.

The assembly concluded with an inspiring rendition of "Aye Watan Tere Liye," a song that pays tribute to the bravery of Indian soldiers and freedom fighters. The heartfelt performance left a lasting impression on the audience, reinforcing a deep sense of patriotism and gratitude for the sacrifices made during the independence struggle.

This special assembly was more than just a commemoration; it was a celebration of our shared history and values. It served as a powerful reminder of the courage and resilience that shaped our nation and inspired all who attended to carry forward the legacy of the Quit India Movement with pride and dedication.





## GURUPURNIMA : CELEBRATING EKLAVYA'S LEGACY

The special assembly held at our school celebrated Gurupurnima with a meaningful focus on honoring teachers and the inspirational figure of Eklavya. This unique event skillfully combined the reverence for Gurupurnima with a tribute to Eklavya, highlighting his extraordinary dedication and devotion.

The assembly began with a solemn invocation, where students offered their respects to their teachers and mentors, reflecting the essence of Gurupurnima, a day traditionally observed to honor and express gratitude towards one's spiritual and academic guides. Our school head, in her opening address, highlighted the significance of Gurupurnima, emphasizing the role of teachers in shaping the future of students and the importance of respect and gratitude in the learning process.

Following the introduction, the focus shifted to Eklavya, a character from the Mahabharata known for his dedication and selflessness. A group of students presented a skit that beautifully illustrated Eklavya's story—his quest for knowledge, his act of self-sacrifice, and his respect for Guru Drona despite not being formally accepted as his student. The skit was both educational and emotionally engaging, bringing the ancient tale to life and demonstrating the values of perseverance and respect.

The assembly also featured a series of thought-provoking speeches and poems by students, each reflecting on the lessons learned from Gurupurnima and Eklavya's story. The cultural program concluded with a musical performance that resonated with the themes of learning and gratitude.

Overall, the special assembly was a poignant reminder of the enduring values of respect, dedication, and the teacher-student relationship. It left the audience inspired and motivated to carry forward these principles in their daily lives.





## FLAME PROOF: FIRE SAFETY DAY AT LOTUS SCHOOL

Lotus School held an engaging Fire Safety Awareness Day, organized in collaboration with the local fire brigade. The event aimed to educate students and staff about fire prevention and safety practices in an interactive manner.

Students participated in hands-on demonstrations led by fire safety experts, learning essential skills such as using fire extinguishers and identifying fire hazards. Various types of fire extinguishers were demonstrated, including water, foam, and CO2 extinguishers, allowing students to understand their specific uses and applications. Live simulations illustrated how quickly fires can spread, underscoring the importance of being prepared.

To reinforce their learning, the fire brigade organized an entertaining quiz where students tested their fire safety knowledge. The fire brigade emphasized that fire safety is a shared responsibility. They encouraged everyone to check smoke detectors regularly, create family escape plans, and remain aware of potential fire risks.

Fire Safety Awareness Day at Lotus School not only provided valuable knowledge but also cultivated a sense of community commitment to safety. By working together, we can reduce fire risks and create a safer environment for all. Let's continue to prioritize fire safety in our lives!





## CLEANLINESS DRIVE AT LOTUS SCHOOL



Lotus School recently launched a Cleanliness Drive aimed at instilling a sense of responsibility and awareness about hygiene among students. Organized by the 9th grade, the initiative encouraged everyone to actively participate in keeping the school environment clean and tidy. Throughout the day, students engaged in various activities, including classroom clean-up sessions and beautification of classes. The drive not only focused on physical cleanliness but also aimed to educate students on the importance of maintaining a clean environment for health and well-being. 5th B stood out during the drive, showcasing exceptional dedication and teamwork, and was awarded the "Most Clean Class" trophy. Their enthusiasm inspired other classes to raise their cleanliness standards and participate more actively in the initiative. The Cleanliness Drive was a resounding success, fostering a culture of cleanliness and responsibility among students. It highlighted the importance of each individual's role in maintaining a clean school environment. As the event concluded, students expressed a commitment to continue these practices beyond the drive, ensuring that cleanliness becomes a lasting habit at Lotus School. Together, we can make a difference and create a healthier, more inviting space for everyone!



## PROMOTING A VEHICLE-FREE ENVIRONMENT: AWARENESS SEMINAR AT LOTUS SCHOOL

Lotus School recently hosted an important awareness seminar organized by the Department of Environmental Operations (DEO), focusing on the benefits of a vehicle-free environment. Aimed at students and staff, the seminar sought to educate the school community about the environmental and health impacts of reducing vehicle usage.

Expert speakers addressed the detrimental effects of vehicular pollution, including poor air quality and its contribution to climate change. Attendees learned about sustainable transportation alternatives, such as walking, cycling, and using public transport. Engaging presentations highlighted how adopting a vehicle-free lifestyle can lead to healthier habits and a cleaner campus.

Additionally, the DEO emphasized that individuals under the age of 18 found driving a vehicle without a valid license will face significant fines. This regulation aims to promote responsible driving among young people and ensure their safety.

Interactive discussions encouraged students to share their experiences and challenges related to transportation. The DEO also introduced a "Car-Free Day" initiative, inviting everyone to participate once a month to experience the benefits of reduced vehicle use firsthand.

Feedback from students and staff was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing a commitment to incorporate more eco-friendly travel options into their routines. The seminar not only raised awareness but also fostered a sense of responsibility toward environmental stewardship. Through initiatives like this, Lotus School aims to inspire a cultural shift toward sustainable living for a brighter future!





## NAVIGATING CHANGE: LOTUS SCHOOL'S ADOLESCENCE WORKSHOP FOR EMPOWERMENT



On September 21, 2024, Lotus School, Ahmedabad, organized a pivotal Adolescence Workshop aimed at empowering students as they transition into this critical life stage. Led by a seasoned police officer, the workshop featured separate sessions for boys and girls, emphasizing essential topics like personal safety and security.

As children enter adolescence, they undergo significant physical, emotional, and social changes, making it vital to equip them with the knowledge and skills to navigate this period confidently. The workshop focused on personal boundaries, self-protection, and responsible decision-making, fostering an environment where students could openly discuss their concerns and learn effective strategies for safeguarding themselves.

By addressing these topics, the workshop not only raised awareness about potential risks but also encouraged positive behavior and self-empowerment. Students left the sessions feeling more informed and equipped to handle the challenges of adolescence, reinforcing the importance of such initiatives in schools.

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