

## SPECIAL ISSUE:

# CHANGEMAKERS



Experiences like our Summer Camp ready children for life.



### From the Mentor: Change is life itself

What we teach outside the classroom is as important as what we teach in the classroom. The most important life lessons come through experiences like our Summer Camp where children set aside their routine and perhaps change and grow for life. These experiences remain with children long after they are over, giving an education that goes beyond books. **Our students learn to embrace change, accept inevitable waves of change and thrive in it.**

In conversation with **Dr. Sangeeta Bhatia**  
Mentor, Happy Hours School  
Principal, KIIT World School, Delhi

### ON WHAT CHANGE MEANS

We teach our children about change that occurs in our attitudes, change in our lifestyles, **change in our belief systems** to be more inclusive, to be more cohesive, to be more positive, to look at everything beyond our own canvas, factoring in the needs, feelings & relevance of others as well.

### ON CHANGE IN EDUCATION

If we can blend each capability and bring out a more well-rounded child in the campus, a teacher who is not only teaching content but is able to **open up a larger perspective** – we are creating change. If we are doing Hindi, if I am doing kadamb ka ped, how does the fruit look? What kind of leaves does it have? The poem kadamb ka ped was written around Yamuna ke teere - what kind of water exists in Yamuna? If my Hindi teacher can bring in that perspective in a Hindi classroom, we take our learning into a **meaningful coexistence**. We're the changemakers that society needs.

### ON CHANGE AS OUR SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

Our role as changemakers in education means that if we want change, it serves no purpose unless it reaches and touches the children. So we keep the **change, growth & evolution of every child above every priority** & work in a focused way to lead thoughts & actions that touch the lives of our students.

### ON CHANGEMAKERS

Change is written on the wall. If we become part of the change, if we become the changemakers, if we become ambassadors of the need for change and become good role models for others to emulate, I think we do justice to our presence. If (there is) mere presence and it is not taken to a direction where it lends to a meaningful purpose, it doesn't justify what we are talking about right now. **The justification also lies in our capability to take it forward not only with few, not only with many, not with most but with everyone.**

### OUR PANORAMA



**World Bicycle Day** inspired us to take up an eco-friendly and healthy lifestyle.



From pink to yellow, we wore all the colours with joy!



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“Our vision is to create a community of lifelong learners who are connected, confident, Indian global citizens and who go on to become informed leaders of the future.”



# EXPLORE EARLY LEARNING



## THE LIFE-LESSONS OF SUMMER CAMP

Coming to school during the holidays is a choice that our students made as they headed into a 10-day Summer Camp that filled their days with fun and joy.

Summer Camp is designed to build **social skills**, teach **life lessons** and develop **human values**. Dance, sports, art & craft taught the children the importance of opening their minds to moments of joyous experiences. They developed as independent young people and learnt the lessons of everyday living. Moments of fun fostered a sense of community and unity among students. The seeds of skills like leadership, perseverance, teamwork, confidence, communication, sportsmanship and decision-making took root as children explored new spaces and moved away from the routine of home and school.

Students carried away happy memories and new experiences that will stay with them long beyond summer, to make them grounded and complete individuals in life.



Yoga & Surya Namaskar, Dribbling Dribbling on our basketball court, Vegetable Painting, Bucket Filler Day, Thumb Painting, Contemporary Dance, JAM Session, Newz-o-Reader... the list of what we packed into ten days is a long one!



### Happy Hours School, Pitampura, organises summer camp

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The highlight of the sports segment was an intense kabaddi match in which students demonstrated their agility, strategy, and teamwork.

The camp also featured an awe-inspiring exhibition of students' creative work. A lively dance session in which students grooved to beats of their favourite tunes added rhythm to the event. A special ceremony was held for the distribution of certificates. Students received recognition for their accomplishments and active participation throughout the camp.

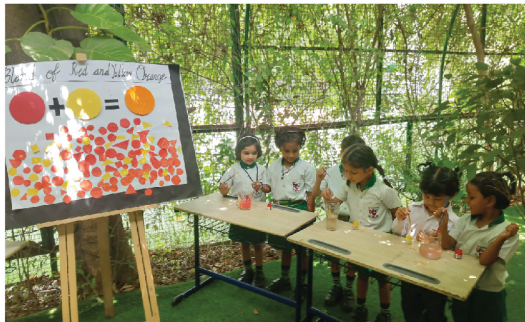




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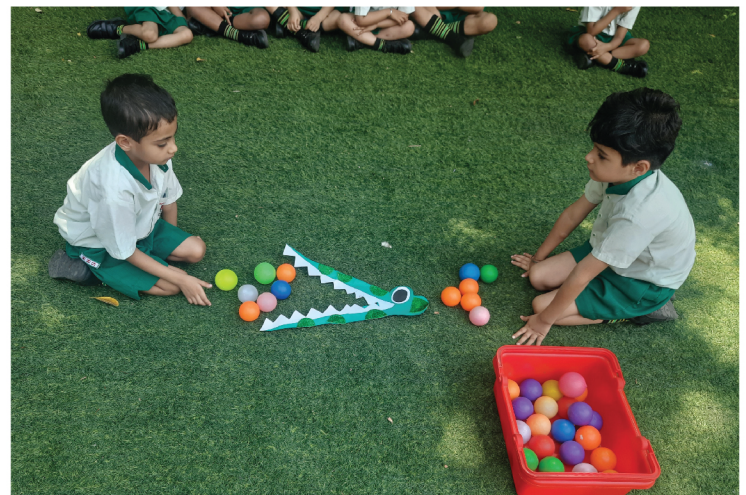
## COLOUR SPECTRUM

Mixing red and yellow to transition to all shades of orange opened a world of infinite colours for children. They took the first steps towards learning about the primary colours of red and yellow that will make way for the full range of secondary colours. The artist within every child blossomed, as each one experimented with different shades of orange: from peach, carrot and saffron to tangerine and coral.



## TERRACE FARMING

The students of Grade III learnt about terrace farming and made models of the step-like farms. They put themselves in the shoes of the farmer to understand the intricacies of terrace farming and also learn about the challenges and hardships of a farmer to raise a bountiful crop. As they concentrated on their own models and those of others, it was a pleasure to watch them collaborate and exchange ideas.



## GREATER AND LESS THAN

Learning through play has emerged as an important strategy to promote student engagement, inclusion, and real-world learning. Our tiny tots learnt the concept of greater than and less than with great interest through a crocodile game. Holistic development was evident - comprising cognitive knowledge, gross motor skills and emotional well-being.



# ENGAGE IMMERSIVE LEARNING

## HONOURING OUR SUPPORT STAFF ON LABOUR DAY

A school is known for the warmth and care of the teaching and support staff working in the school. **International Labour Day** celebrated every year on May 1 to respect the dignity of workers and labour raises awareness of the rights of workers, protects them from exploitation and as we believe, offers an opportunity to express our gratitude for their untiring efforts and care. It also serves as a reminder of the important role played by the working class in our society and our economy.

Happy Hours School celebrated Labour Day by thanking all workers and helpers for being there for the students and teachers and recognised their efforts.



## ROAD TO JUSTICE

Grade V Caring Champs presented a special assembly on the topic of peace and justice to learn how institutions play an important role in helping deliver **justice to the general public**. Gender equality and giving girls equal opportunities, religious harmony and the role of religious leaders, courts and their powers - the assembly helped students understand the different facets of the justice system, including some little-known facts about the Supreme Court.



## PEDALLING TOWARDS A GREENER FUTURE

The power of the humble bicycle and its positive impact on our lives and the world is evident in every city, every town and every village. Environment-friendly and sustainable, the bicycle is a popular means of transportation. On 3rd of June, we celebrated World Bicycle Day and rediscovered the bicycle's biggest advantage yet - the fun and fitness that it brings to every rider. Students brought their bicycles to school to participate in various races, exercise, and learn more about sustainability. Bicycling has many health benefits and is eco-friendly too. Let us resolve to make this world a healthier place to live by using bicycles.





# ENGAGE IMMERSIVE LEARNING

## COLOUR MY WORLD

Students of Happy Hours School celebrated different colours by wearing the colour of the day. The school turned into a vibrant splash of **red, yellow and pink** in turns. Activities and objects of the appropriate colour complemented the children's attire, with every one including the Mentor and all teachers following the day's dress code. Students learnt about each colour and its **symbolic meaning** or what it stood for.

### YELLOW DAY

"There is a sun, a light that for want of another word I can only call yellow, pale sulphur-yellow, pale golden citron. How lovely yellow is!"  
- Vincent Van Gogh

Children illuminated the school like the sun brightening the sky on **Yellow Day**. Students and teachers got into the mood for Yellow Day by joining in fun games and participating in a role-play where students portrayed living and non-living things which are of yellow colour. Mentor, Dr Sangeeta Bhatia, was seen engaging with the students in her inimitable way, bringing out radiant smiles on their faces.



### PINK DAY

A special pink wall adorned with pink artefacts marked Pink Day. Rosy pink flowers like the lotus were made using paper-folding techniques. Later students painted the wall itself pink through hand-painting. They engaged in games like "The Pink Tower" for which a special tower of pink glasses was constructed, and students were asked to hit the tower with a ball..



The enactment of **Red Riding Hood** was the highlight of Red Day, with glimpses of red capes and the famous wolf in school corridors. Activities around the colour red and craft work themed around red helped the students to identify red objects. Needless to say every shade of red was visible as every student wore RED!

#### SCHOOL REPORTS

### Happy Hours School, Pitampura, celebrates Red Colour Day with zeal

Happy Hours School, Pitampura, celebrated Red Colour Day with enthusiasm. The captivating celebration, which centred around the colour red, aimed to educate students about the relevance and symbolism of the colour red and engage them in exciting activities and creative expressions. The highlight of the event was a captivating story enactment of the timeless classic, 'Little Red Riding Hood'. The school campus was transformed into a sea of red as students arrived dressed in various shades and hues of that colour. The vibrant sight created an atmosphere of enthusiasm and curiosity as students eagerly awaited the activities that lay ahead. They learnt about the psychological impact of red, its association with emotions such as love, passion, and strength, as well as its cultural symbolism across different societies. The sessions sparked engaging discussions among students, allowing them to explore and appreciate the multifaceted nature of the colour. Following the informative sessions, students delved into a wide array of red-themed activities. Art and craft workshops gave an opportunity to them to showcase their creativity by making vibrant red crafts, including paper roses, heart-shaped collages and red-themed paintings. The classrooms and hallways were beautifully adorned with these colourful creations, adding a cheerful ambience to the school environment.



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# ENJOY JOY OF LEARNING

## NO-FIRE COOKING

"Cooking is all about people. Food is maybe the only universal thing that really has the power to bring everyone together. No matter what culture, everywhere around the world, people get together to eat."

The sheer bonding that can happen over food was seen at the school, where students thoroughly enjoyed learning the **basics of cooking**. Children came together to acquire cooking skills along with their best buddies, and great food and great relationships, as mentioned in the quote by Guy Fieri, seemed to be perfect accompaniments.



## POOL PARTY: "SUMMER = SUN + FUN + ICE CREAM + SWIMMING POOL"

To beat the scorching heat in the month of May, the young tots of Happy Hours School came together to enjoy an exclusive pool party. Exciting props like umbrellas and water balls ensured that students cooled off and also promoted their **physical development, sensory exploration, and social interaction**. The laughter, excitement, and camaraderie displayed by the children demonstrated the positive impact of such water-based activities. Such engaging and refreshing activities contribute to the holistic development of young children, fostering their physical, social, and emotional growth in a joyful and interactive manner.



## PUPPET SHOW

**Favourite characters came alive** in a show to enable students to learn to converse and formulate their thoughts and words. Children were amazed by the voice modulation, hand gestures and colourful puppets used by facilitators, who went on to encourage students themselves to be a part of the story. Puppet shows are one of the many pedagogical tools used at the school.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JULY 2023

In July students will learn of India's many **great personalities** from Munshi Premchand to sportspersons like M. S. Dhoni and P. V. Sindhu and explore important global themes like No Poverty, Justice and Skilling.

### AUGUST 2023

From Independence Day to Janmashtami, August will see a whirl of activity including our regular Class Assemblies and Special Days.



# ENJOY KALEIDOSCOPE

The Creative Canvas for the year 2023 was truly a special occasion for all the students of Happy Hours School. The exquisite talent of the children filled exhibit booth upon exhibit booth with an array of vibrant project work. The booths were a reflection of the diligent work done by children during the summer vacation, and children's faces were alight with excitement and satisfaction as they explained their ideas.

The exhibition was a true reflection of learning and students were assessed for more than theoretical concepts. Parents suggested that such exhibitions be held on a regular basis, and were filled with pride and joy at their child's work.



## Holiday homework became fun with projects like:

- Life under water
- अच्छा स्वास्थ्य और जीवन स्तर
- waste to wonder
- Reading is a passport to countless adventures
- Spin-o-Egg
- One Earth, One Family, One Future
- पर्यावरण संरक्षण
- ROMAN NUMERAL CLOCK
- CURRENCY CONVERTER
- Animals: My best friends





# BEST PRACTICE

May and June saw campus activity that was aligned to the support of larger causes. The different stakeholders of Happy Hours School - parents, teachers, government bodies, members of the local community - joined in a spirit of togetherness to demonstrate their larger purpose.

## Blood Donation Camp: Saving lives together

A single blood donor can save three lives. In a world where acts of kindness often goes unnoticed, we took the lead in organising a blood donation camp, leaving an indelible mark on the lives of those in need. The event, held in collaboration with the Divine Charitable Blood Centre, brought together parents, teachers, and members of the community for a noble cause—saving lives through the selfless act of blood donation. The event was a true testament to the power of collective effort and the impact it can have on someone's journey to recovery.



## Women's Hygiene and Well-being is the need of the hour

A workshop on women's hygiene to raise awareness about the significance of personal hygiene among women and to educate the girl child about personal hygiene practices was a key initiative in the month of June.

The event was graced by **Dr Harsh Vardhan, Member of Parliament** and by **Smt. Shikha Bhardwaj, Municipal Councillor MCD (Ward 58)** along with Principal, Dr Sangeeta Bhatia, parents and other stakeholders. Dr. Harsh Vardhan advocated for the overall health of women and the need for proper nutrition along with regular exercise for women to keep health-related problems at bay, and Dr. Bhatia stressed the importance of hygiene education towards empowering women.



## Fix your Carbon Footprint

A greener lifestyle is often a matter of a simple turn of a dial. Three devices in our home hold the key to a cleaner and more sustainable lifestyle.

- Air Conditioner**  
 Increase the temperature by just two degrees to save energy and reduce carbon dioxide emissions.
- Extra lights**  
 Just a flip of the switch to turn off the lights as you leave a room makes a difference. Unplug electrical devices when you're not using them, too.
- Washing Machine**  
 Use the cold water setting on the washing machine to save energy particularly in summer.



# PARENT-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Mom & Dad, Mama - Papa, Mother & Father - call them by any name they stand for the precious relationships that nurture and cherish us unconditionally. Parents stepped up to celebrations filled with gratitude and love on Mother's Day and Father's Day respectively.

## CHERISHING MOTHER'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

We wholeheartedly embraced the spirit of gratitude and love as we celebrated Mother's Day on May 10, 2023. The special day was dedicated to appreciating the remarkable efforts of mothers and honouring them as the super-heroines in our lives. It was an opportunity to express thanks for their unwavering strength, guidance and love and we came together to wish appreciation and care to the phenomenal mothers out there.



### Parent Visiting Hours

Parents are welcome to visit the school

**With Teachers:**

Weekdays, from 2 pm to 3 pm

**With Principal:**

By prior appointment

### SUGGESTION BOX

Parents may drop in a suggestion at any time in the virtual suggestion box on the Contact Us page of our website [www.happyhoursschool.in](http://www.happyhoursschool.in)

To drop in a suggestion now, [click here](#)

## CELEBRATING THE PILLARS OF LOVE AND GUIDANCE

Recognising the strength, wisdom and steadfast presence of fathers and the life-lessons they impart, we paid tribute to Dads on the occasion of Father's Day. Father's Day is a reminder to acknowledge the significant impact fathers have in shaping our lives and the deep bond we share with them. We expressed gratitude and affection towards fathers, through heartfelt messages and quality time together.



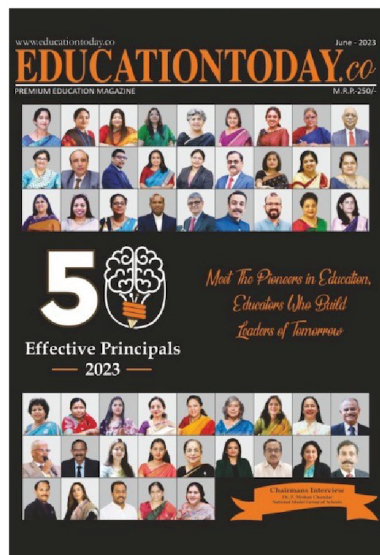
## PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS

The end of term Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTMs) serve as a crucial platform for parents to connect with the school and gain insights into their child's educational journey. Parents and teachers came together for interactive, detailed PTMs, fostering open communication and giving parents a deeper understanding of their child's progress and challenges. The PTM served also to analyse answer sheets so teachers could help students with specific inputs and strategies. The interaction allowed parents to have a first-hand look into their child's holistic development, and to have candid conversations with teachers. Through these constructive conversations, parents and teachers collaborated to identify areas of improvement and celebrate achievements.





**Congratulations Dr. Sangeeta Bhatia, for being acknowledged as one among 50 Effective Principals by Education Today! Your thoughts on Lighting up Creativity in Classrooms are testimony to your commitment to revitalising classrooms for the 21st century.**



## EXCERPT:

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Principal

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*"When a student is at her or his creative best, confident in expressing ideas and fully immersed in a personal exploration, we see joyful learning at its best."*

## Lighting up Creativity in Classrooms

Creativity is a state of mind that is rich in ideas and possibilities. A fascinating world of original thinking lies within and behind the word. Creativity is about being curious, observing, connecting dots and asking questions; it is about thinking laterally and imaginatively before finding new solutions and new value – be it at the individual or community level.

The development of creative minds at KIIT World School is one of the most desirable outcomes of education and is based on **four key pillars of our creativity & innovation curriculum:**

- **Creative empowerment in academics:** Creative learning calls for moving away from learning by rote/memorisation to teaching that leads to discovery and exploration. This rests on original approaches in academic learning right from telling students to solve a math problem in a way other than the one that has been taught, to legacy projects that take up and solve a complex community problem.
- **Teacher mindsets that go beyond certainty & comfort zones:** Fostering creativity can take teachers beyond their primary role of guiding students towards a designed, structured outcome within timelines. As students explore and engage with new ideas, lesson plans must be more flexible – often navigating 'why' questions and new approaches while balancing curricular requirements. R. A. Beghetto in Creative Learning in Education (2021) speaks of "curricular space necessary for students to make creative contributions". So too, we empower teachers to plan for uncertainty within defined frameworks.

- **Safe haven classroom environment:** A safe environment that allows for risk-taking is the minimum criterion for creativity to flourish. Failure is a natural part of creative behaviour and is taken at face value by nurturing teachers, encouraging peers and social ecosystems. Creativity in classrooms calls for trust so that students put out their personal, authentic self during creative exercises.
- **The "whole-being" approach:** Physical, emotional and intellectual immersion when the 'whole child' is engaged in a learning experience takes creativity to its peak. New and original ideas flow from a child who is physically and emotionally fit and operates from a spring of wellness. It is these feelings of well-being that are the true secret of building confidence and developing creative energy.

The student is seen as a co-creator of the creative learning experience at our school along with the teachers. As Einstein said, "A society's competitive advantage will come not from how well its schools teach multiplication and periodic tables, but from how well they stimulate imagination and creativity."

## About Dr. Sangeeta Bhatia

Dr. Sangeeta Bhatia, Principal, KIIT World School, Pitampura and Mentor, Happy Hours School is a recipient of the National Award to Teachers, 2008 by the President of India through MHRD, Govt. of India, CBSE National Teachers Award, 2004 and State Teachers Award, 2003. She has served as Member, Governing Body, CBSE and Chairperson, North-West Delhi Sahodaya School Complex. She is also currently Senior Vice President, Delhi State Science Teachers' Forum.

## Tell us how you like Panorama

Panorama is our way of giving you a glimpse of the everyday activity of our students, and sharing important news. Please drop in suggestions on what you would like to see in Panorama and keep us posted on whether you liked the issue. Suggestions for Panorama to be shared here>>





# Happy Hours School

I am a Promise, I am a Possibility



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