



THE BULLETIN 2025

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS



Investiture Ceremony: A New Chapter of Leadership Begins

The Student Council Investiture Ceremony was a heartwarming celebration of student leadership and responsibility. With pride and anticipation, we watched our newly elected student council members take their solemn oath, vowing to serve the school with integrity and dedication. Dressed smartly and brimming with confidence, each student embraced the moment with purpose.

The highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of badges and sashes by **Dr. Tristha Ramamurthy**, Founder and Director, Ekya Schools, whose motivating words resonated deeply, reminding everyone of the significance of leadership. Adding sparkle to the occasion were the heartfelt addresses by the Head Boy and Head Girl of the previous academic year, who shared personal reflections and encouraging advice.

This event wasn't just about designations—it was about growth, commitment, and legacy. As our students stepped into their roles, we felt immense pride, and we look forward to supporting them in their journey of making a meaningful difference in the school community.





Celebrating Dr. B.C. Roy's Legacy with a Lesson in Oral Health

On July 1st, we commemorated the birth Bidhan anniversary of Dr. Chandra Roy, India's first physician to be honoured with the Bharat Ratna. celebration of this iconic figure, we organised a special session focused on promoting oral health and hygiene among our young learners.

We were delighted to welcome a guest dentist, Dr Divya, who led an engaging and informative talk on healthy eating habits and proper dental care. The interactive session saw enthusiastic participation from the children, who eagerly identified the role of a dentist and responded thoughtfully to the questions posed.

With relatable stories and simple oral care tips, the session kept the young audience thoroughly captivated. The dentist's approachable manner made it easy for the children to absorb important lessons on hygiene. It was a meaningful way to honour Dr. Roy's legacy by instilling good health practices in our students from a young age.

World Emoji Day: A Fun-Filled Celebration of Feelings



We celebrated **World Emoji Day** with great enthusiasm, turning our classrooms into vibrant spaces of expression and creativity. Emojis, those small but powerful icons we use to communicate emotions, took centre stage in a series of engaging activities designed to help students explore and express their feelings.

The day began with teachers introducing commonly used emojis, discussing their meanings, and encouraging students to share when and how they use them. A few familiar emojis were drawn on the board, sparking a lively discussion as students eagerly identified the emotions they represented.

Next, students received paper plates and were asked to draw an emoji that reflected their current mood. Some took it a step further by acting out their chosen emotions, bringing their emojis to life with enthusiasm and creativity.

It was a joyful, expressive day—filled with laughter, learning, and a celebration of the many ways we communicate feelings!





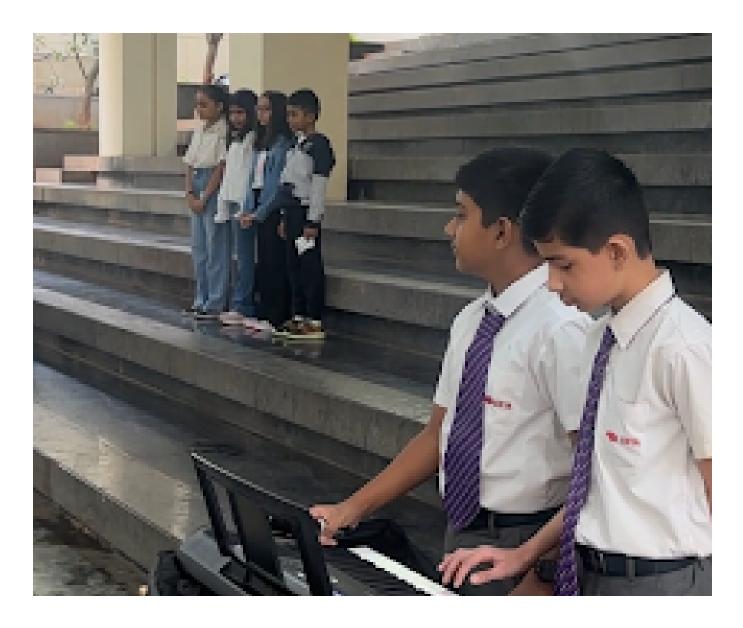
Author Visit: An insightful Session with Ms. Ranjeeta Raam

We recently had the privilege of welcoming Ms. Ranjeeta Raam, author of If Elephants Could Talk, to our campus. Her poignant story, centred on a young girl named Meenakshi who finds healing through a bond with an elephant, opened up meaningful conversations about grief, empathy, and animal welfare.

During the session, Ms. Raam passionately discussed book's themes, especially the pressing issue of animal abuse and the vital role young people can play in speaking up for the voiceless. The students responded with thoughtful reflections and empathy, engaging deeply with her thought-provoking questions. A highlight of the event was an impromptu free verse poetry activity. In just ten minutes, students created moving pieces that left Ms. Raam visibly touched.

She ended the session by signing books and sharing warm words with each student. It was an inspiring experience that celebrated compassion, creativity, and the power of storytelling.

CULTURE ON CAMPUS



A Thoughtful Way to Celebrate Birthdays at our campus

At Ekya, we believe in nurturing not just young minds, but also healthy habits and environmentally responsible behaviour. In line with this vision, we've introduced a new and meaningful way to celebrate birthdays within our school community.

Instead of distributing chocolates or sweets—which are often unhealthy and come wrapped in plastic—we encourage our students to celebrate their special day in a more thoughtful way. During the morning assembly, students celebrating their birthdays are invited to come forward, and we celebrate with warm wishes and applause. This small change goes a long way in promoting a healthier lifestyle while also significantly reducing plastic waste on our campus. It's a simple yet impactful step towards building a more conscious and caring school environment, because at Ekya, every celebration is an opportunity to grow together.

LEARNING & INSIGHTS

Hindi

नारा लेखन का मुख्य उद्देश्य छात्रों में रचनात्मकता और संक्षिप्त व प्रभावशाली अभिव्यक्ति की क्षमता विकसित करना है। इससे वे कम शब्दों में गहरे संदेश देने की कला सीखते हैं। यह गतिविधि भाषा ज्ञान, व्याकरण और शब्दावली को मजबूत करने में सहायक होती है। साथ ही, यह सामाजिक जागरूकता बढ़ाने में मदद करती है, जिससे छात्र पर्यावरण, स्वच्छता, शिक्षा और देशभक्ति जैसे विषयों पर सोचने और अपने विचार व्यक्त करने में सक्षम बनते हैं। नारे गढ़ने की प्रक्रिया उनके आत्मविश्वास और संचार कौशल को भी मजबूत करती है, जिससे वे अपने विचारों को प्रभावी ढंग से प्रस्तुत कर पाते हैं।

नारा लेखन भाषा सीखने की एक प्रभावी विधि है, जो छात्रों को कम शब्दों में गहरा संदेश देने की कला सिखाती है। यह न केवल उनकी रचनात्मकता को बढ़ाता है, बल्कि भाषा के सही प्रयोग, व्याकरण और शब्दावली को भी मजबूत करता है। नारे लिखते समय छात्र नए शब्दों का प्रयोग करना सीखते हैं, जिससे उनकी अभिव्यक्ति क्षमता में सुधार होता है। संक्षिप्त और प्रभावशाली लेखन की यह प्रक्रिया संचार कौशल को भी विकसित करती है, जिससे छात्र आत्मविश्वास के साथ अपने विचार प्रस्तुत कर पाते हैं। इस प्रकार, नारा लेखन भाषा अधिगम को रोचक और प्रभावी बनाने में सहायक होता है।

नारा लेखन की एक बहुत ही रोचक गतिविधि है। इस अभ्यास से छात्रों को कम शब्दों में अपने विचार प्रभावशाली तरीके से प्रस्तुत करने की कला सीखने का मौका मिलता है। इससे न केवल उनकी रचनात्मकता बढ़ती है, बल्कि हिंदी भाषा की शब्दावली और व्याकरण भी मजबूत होता है। नारे तैयार करते समय छात्र विषय पर गहराई से सोचने और सही शब्दों का चयन करते हैं। साथ ही, जब वह अपने नारे कक्षा में प्रस्तुत करते हैं, तो उनका आत्मविश्वास भी बढ़ता है। यह गतिविधि उनके संचार कौशल को सुधारने में बहुत मददगार होती है।

कक्षा में नारा लेखन की गतिविधि सफलतापूर्वक आयोजित की गई। सबसे पहले, शिक्षक ने एक विषय चुना और उस पर एक नारा बनाकर कक्षा में प्रस्तुत किया। इसके माध्यम से छात्रों को प्रभावी नारे बनाने की विशेषताओं के बारे में बताया गया। इसके बाद, छात्रों को समूहों में विभाजित किया गया और प्रत्येक समूह ने दो विषयों का चयन किया, जैसे – जल बचाओ, सड़क सुरक्षा, महिला सशक्तिकरण, ग्लोबल वार्मिंग आदि। प्रत्येक समूह ने अपने विषयों पर नारे बनाए और उन्हें मोटे अक्षरों में रंगीन कागज पर लिखा।

इसके बाद, समूहों ने कक्षा के सामने अपने नारे प्रस्तुत किए। प्रस्तुति के बाद, अन्य समूहों ने प्रतिक्रिया दी, जिसमें उन्होंने नारों की सकारात्मक विशेषताओं को बताया, प्रश्न पूछे और सुधार के सुझाव दिए। अंत में, शिक्षक ने इंटरएक्टिव बोर्ड पर कुछ प्रभावी नारों के उदाहरण दिखाए और छात्रों को बेहतर प्रस्तुति कौशल विकसित करने के तरीकों पर चर्चा की। इस गतिविधि से छात्रों को नारा लेखन की कला सीखने और अपने संचार कौशल को सुधारने का अवसर मिला।





LEARNING BEYOND CLASSROOM



Leadership Bootcamp at Ekya Nava: Building Future Leaders

On **9th July**, Ekya Nava hosted an inspiring **Leadership Bootcamp**, bringing together student leaders for a day dedicated to building skills, confidence, and a spirit of collaboration. The bootcamp focused on nurturing the qualities that define effective leadership—communication, decision-making, empathy, and resilience.

Through engaging workshops, team challenges, and thoughtprovoking discussions, students explored what it truly means to lead with purpose. Expert facilitators guided them through activities that tested their problem-solving abilities and encouraged them to think creatively and work cohesively.

One of the highlights was the peer-sharing circle, where students exchanged ideas, shared personal goals, and reflected on their own leadership journeys.

The energy at Ekya Nava was vibrant and focused—students left feeling inspired, motivated, and better equipped to take on responsibilities in their schools and communities. The bootcamp was not just a training session, but a meaningful step toward shaping tomorrow's leaders today.



Dussehra Camps: Adventure and Discovery Await!

This Dussehra break, students are all set to step away from their desks and dive into the outdoors with camps planned at Yelagiri, Ramanagara, Sakleshpur, Hampi, and Wayanad. From misty hills and rocky cliffs to coffee estates, ancient ruins, and forest trails, each destination promises a unique blend of adventure, learning, and fun.

Students will trek scenic paths, try activities like rock climbing and rappelling, explore heritage sites, discover local wildlife, and share stories around warm campfires under starlit skies. These camps are more than holiday-they iust help students build confidence. teamwork, and a love for nature. With backpacks packed and excitement in the air, the Dussehra Camps the perfect chance to make new memories, deepen friendships, and experience the joy of learning outside the classroom. unforgettable adventure awaits!



Field Trips: Young Explorers at Bannerghatta and Jeeva Park



This term, our primary students set out on exciting field trips to **Bannerghatta Biological Park** and **Jeeva Park**, turning a regular school day into an adventure filled with learning and wonder.

At Bannerghatta, students got up close with nature's incredible diversity—spotting lions, tigers, bears, and deer while learning about wildlife conservation and animal habitats. The safari ride was a highlight, with wide-eyed children eagerly spotting animals roaming in their natural enclosures.

Meanwhile, a visit to Jeeva Park offered a refreshing day outdoors. Surrounded by greenery, students explored different plants, insects, and tiny creatures, understanding the basics of ecology and the importance of preserving green spaces. Fun games, nature walks, and storytelling under the trees made the day even more memorable.

These trips sparked curiosity and gave our young learners a chance to see, touch, and experience the natural world—making learning joyful and real.





Christmas Voyage: Exploring Jaipur & Ranthambore

This Christmas break, students from **Grades 6 to 9** are gearing up for an unforgettable voyage to the vibrant city of **Jaipur** and the wild beauty of **Ranthambore**. The trip promises the perfect blend of history, culture, and adventure—making it a magical way to end the year.

In Jaipur, students will step into the royal past as they explore majestic forts, palaces, bustling markets, and colourful streets, discovering the rich heritage and stories behind the Pink City's iconic landmarks.

At Ranthambore, the excitement shifts to the wild as students set out on thrilling safaris, hoping to spot tigers, deer, and other fascinating wildlife in their natural habitat. Evenings will be filled with bonfires, fun activities, and time to bond with friends under starry skies.

More than a trip, the **Christmas Voyage** is a chance to learn, explore, and create memories that will last a lifetime!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We have been conducting a series of focused bootcamps for staff members on leveraging Al tools and exploring practical applications of Al in day-to-day workflows across roles. Our senior school educators participated in a Professional Development Day to upskill themselves on 'Using Al Tools in Differentiated Instruction.' The session focused on practical strategies to personalise learning pathways using Al-powered tools, ensuring every student's needs are met. We conducted a three-day in-person workshop and field immersion for candidates of our Postgraduate Diploma in Early Childhood Education. Held at the CMR University City Campus, the experience combined hands-on learning, peer collaboration, and real-world application of theory.

We have officially opened applications for the <u>ReThink Educator Certification Program</u>, a three-month virtual learning journey designed for aspiring and in-service educators to deepen their understanding of progressive education practices.





STUDENT EDGE

Bandipur - Final Year Retreat

Our Grade 10 batch launched the year with an unforgettable adventure to Bandipur, one of Karnataka's most stunning destinations, teeming with wildlife and natural beauty!

We set off from school at the crack of dawn, and the buses vibrated with anticipation as we packed an array of snacks. After a hearty breakfast of idlis, pongal, and spicy chutney, we made our first stop at the Payana Car Museum. The collection of vintage cars, classic Rolls-Royces, army trucks, and retro bikes was not just a visual treat but a fascinating journey into automotive history.

By afternoon, we arrived at the Windflower Jungle Resort in Bandipur, surrounded by lush greenery. This breathtaking location became our base for the next two action-packed days. After indulging in a delicious buffet lunch, we took a moment to refresh in our spacious room.

That evening, we embarked on an exhilarating guided nature walk through the forest. Our guide pointed out leopard paw prints, elephant trails, vibrant birds, and extraordinary plants, igniting curiosity and wonder in all of us. After our adventure, we gathered for hi-tea and plunged into a variety of activities at the resort, from table tennis to chess and carrom. To cap off the day, we gathered around a lively campfire, sharing stories and laughter!

Day two broke bright and early at 5:15 a.m. Bundled in jackets, we set out for the highly anticipated jungle safari. Although we didn't spot a tiger, we were exhilarated to see peacocks, deer, langurs, wild elephants, and more, all basking in the magic of the early morning light.

Once we fueled up with a hearty breakfast and packed up quickly, we bid farewell to Bandipur and set our sights on Mysuru. The tour of the Mysore Palace was an enchanting journey into royal history, showcasing its magnificent architecture and opulent halls. Our adventure continued at Shukavana, a vibrant bird sanctuary overflowing with endangered and exotic parrots—true marvels of nature!

As we ended our trip, the atmosphere turned festive with Domino's pizza on the bus, and we enjoyed a lively buzz of chatter as we made our way back to school by 7:30 p.m.

This trip to Bandipur was more than just a getaway; it ignited our spirits, strengthened our bonds, and filled our hearts with energy and curiosity for the year ahead. It served as a powerful reminder that the most enriching classrooms can often be those painted by nature itself!



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Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind by Yuval Noah Harari

Reading Sapiens feels like sitting down for a long, fascinating conversation with someone who sees the world from a thousand feet above—and isn't afraid to challenge everything you thought you knew about humanity.

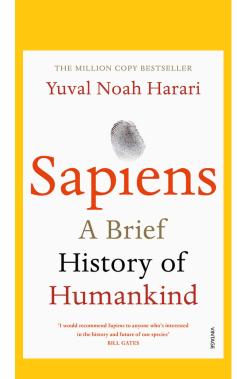
Yuval Noah Harari takes the massive, messy story of human history and somehow distils it into a clear, gripping narrative that spans from our earliest ancestors to the modern digital age. It's not just history; it's anthropology, biology, economics, and philosophy—all woven together into a single thread.

One of the book's biggest strengths is its ability to make big ideas feel accessible. Harari doesn't bog the reader down with jargon. Instead, he asks bold, often uncomfortable questions: What makes Homo sapiens different from other animals? How did imagined realities like religion, money, and nations come to dominate our world? And have all our so-called "advances" actually made us any happier?

What stands out most is Harari's tone-it's thought-provoking without being preachy, curious rather than judgmental. He doesn't offer easy answers, but he does invite readers to think more critically about the world they live in.

That said, Sapiens isn't without controversy. Some scholars have criticised it for oversimplifying complex topics, and others take issue with the broad generalisations. And fair enough—it's ambitious to cover 70,000 years in one book. But as a starting point for anyone curious about human history and how we ended up where we are today, it's hard to beat.

In the end, Sapiens is one of those rare books that actually changes how you see the world. Whether you agree with Harari or not, you'll walk away from it with more questions—and that's exactly the point.





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