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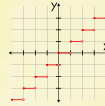
# THIS EDITION



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# #1

## THE FIVE SENSE DETECTIVES

Ms. Sarala B, Nursery Educator



This month, the kids explored the fascinating topic of sense organs through engaging and interactive activities. As part of their learning journey, they participated in a "Show and Tell" session, which provided a platform for them to express their thoughts and share knowledge. Each child selected a sense organ, prepared a short presentation, and confidently spoke about its importance and functions.

This activity was not only educational but also instrumental in developing essential life skills. It encouraged the children to communicate effectively, articulate their ideas, and engage with an audience. Additionally, the "Show and Tell" session played a vital role in boosting their self-confidence and helping them overcome stage fright, as they learned to present in front of their peers and teachers. The experience fostered a sense of accomplishment and laid the foundation for strong communication and presentation skills, which are invaluable for their overall growth and development.



# #2

## CRAWLING THROUGH ORDINAL NUMBERS



Ms. Sarala B, Nursery Educator



Crawling races are a fantastic way to help children develop gross motor skills by improving their coordination, balance, and strength. This engaging activity also serves as an introduction to ordinal numbers, as children learn to identify positions like first, second, and third in a fun and interactive way. By combining physical movement with early math concepts, the activity provides a holistic developmental experience.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the crawling race, their laughter and excitement filling the room. It was not just an entertaining activity but also a valuable learning opportunity, making it a truly memorable experience for everyone involved.



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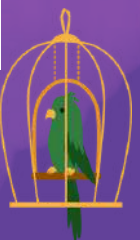
## Colorful Creations: Exploring Birds and Habitats with the Bird cage Activity

Ms Rathna R & Ms Sivaranjani S, Junior KG Educators



This week, our Junior Kindergarten students participated in the bird cage activity, a delightful way to spark creativity, enhance fine motor skills, and develop their understanding of shapes and patterns. The goal of this activity was to introduce young learners to the concept of birds and their habitats while fostering creativity and an appreciation for structure and design. Each child received a bird outline to color using crayons. Their vibrant imaginations came to life as birds in every shade of the rainbow emerged, adorned with unique and creative patterns. Using strips of colorful paper, the students then constructed their birdcages. Under the guidance of their teachers, they carefully folded and glued the strips into dome-like shapes. Finally, their beautifully colored birds were placed inside the cages, completing the activity. This engaging hands-on project not only encouraged artistic expression but also helped the children develop important skills, making it a memorable and enriching experience for everyone involved.







# #4

## OBSTACLE COURSE FUN: HOPPING, JUMPING, AND REACHING THE FINISH LINE!

Ms. Shahana A & Ms Devi S , Senior KG Educators

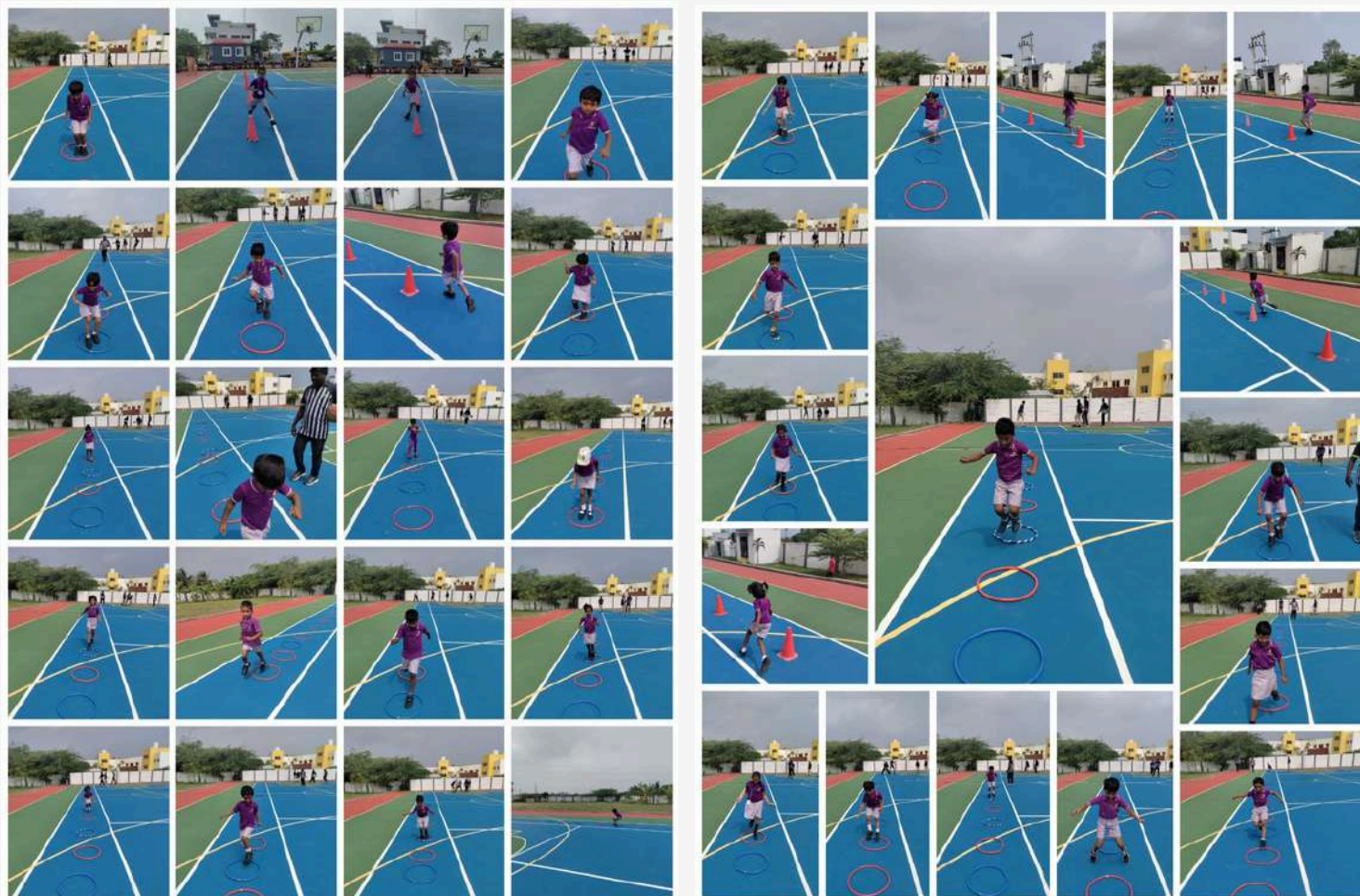


This week, our kindergarten students had an exciting time in physical education as they participated in a fun-filled obstacle course activity! The course was designed to help them develop essential motor skills while having a blast.

The activity began with students running across cones arranged in a zigzag pattern, followed by hopping through a series of hula hoops placed on the floor. Each hoop was set up to encourage them to jump with both feet, which helped improve their balance, coordination, and strength. The children giggled with joy as they hopped from one hoop to the next, eager to make it through without tripping.

But the obstacle course wasn't just about physical skills—it also helped the students develop important social skills, like taking turns, working together, and cheering for their friends. By the end of the activity, the children were energized, smiling, and proud of their accomplishments.

This hands-on physical education activity was the perfect way for our young learners to practice coordination, strength, and agility while enjoying a fun challenge.







# #5

## Senior Kindergarten Show and Tell: Around the World

Ms .Devi S & Ms Shahana A, Senior KG Educators



Senior kindergarten students participated in an exciting Show and Tell activity themed Around the World. Each child was assigned a country or continent and spoke confidently about its landmarks, culture, or traditions. Their presentations showcased interesting facts, like the Great Wall of China, the Statue of Liberty, and African wildlife, impressing teachers and classmates with their enthusiasm.

To support their topics, the children used handmade charts filled with colorful drawings and key details about their chosen places. These charts added creativity and made their presentations engaging. The activity boosted their confidence and speaking skills while sparking curiosity about the world, making it a fun and meaningful learning experience for everyone.





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## ANGLE EXPLORERS: DISCOVERING SEMI-CIRCLES

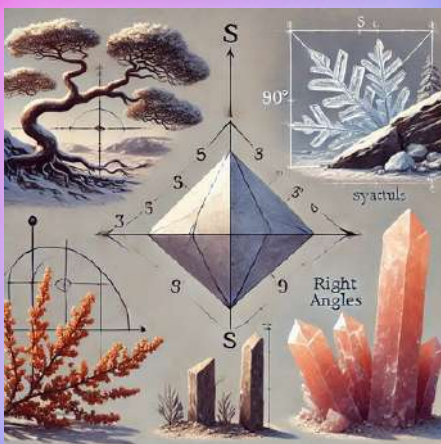
Ms. Abinaya , G3 Math Educator



Learners were given semi-circle paper cutouts as part of a hands-on activity to explore and identify different types of angles. They began by folding the semi-circle in half to mark a straight angle and then folded it further to identify a right angle. Using these divisions as a guide, they were able to mark and label acute angles (smaller than a right angle) and obtuse angles (larger than a right angle but smaller than a straight angle). This interactive approach allowed them to visualize and categorize angles in an engaging and memorable way.

The learners thoroughly enjoyed the activity, as it blended creativity with a clear understanding of angle concepts.





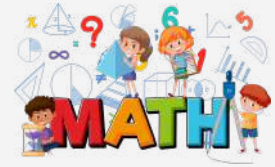
**Picture: Right angles found in nature, showcasing tree branches, crystal formations (like salt), and other natural geometric patterns that display 90-degree angles.**

# #7

## Learning Integers Through a Fun Card Activity



Ms. Sneha ,Grade 4A Math Educator



Grade 4A students explored the concept of integers through an engaging card activity as part of their Volume 3 curriculum. To make learning interactive, the teacher used a deck of playing cards, assigning specific values to the face cards (Jack = 11, Queen = 12, King = 13). Red cards represented positive integers, while black cards represented negative integers.

Students drew two cards and performed addition or subtraction based on the assigned rules. For example, drawing the 5 of hearts (red) and the 7 of clubs (black) required them to calculate  $+5 + (-7) = -2$ . Using the classroom board, students demonstrated their calculations step by step, ensuring clarity for their peers.

The activity followed a structured approach. It began with a recap of integer rules, followed by card drawing and on-board demonstrations. Peer reviews helped verify calculations, fostering collaboration. A class discussion encouraged critical thinking with questions like, "What happens when two negative numbers are added?"

By the end of the activity, students confidently applied integer rules, recognized the role of positive and negative signs, and honed their problem-solving skills. The interactive and collaborative nature of the activity transformed learning into a fun and memorable experience, deepening their understanding of mathematics.

This creative method demonstrated how hands-on activities can make abstract concepts tangible, leaving a lasting impression on students.





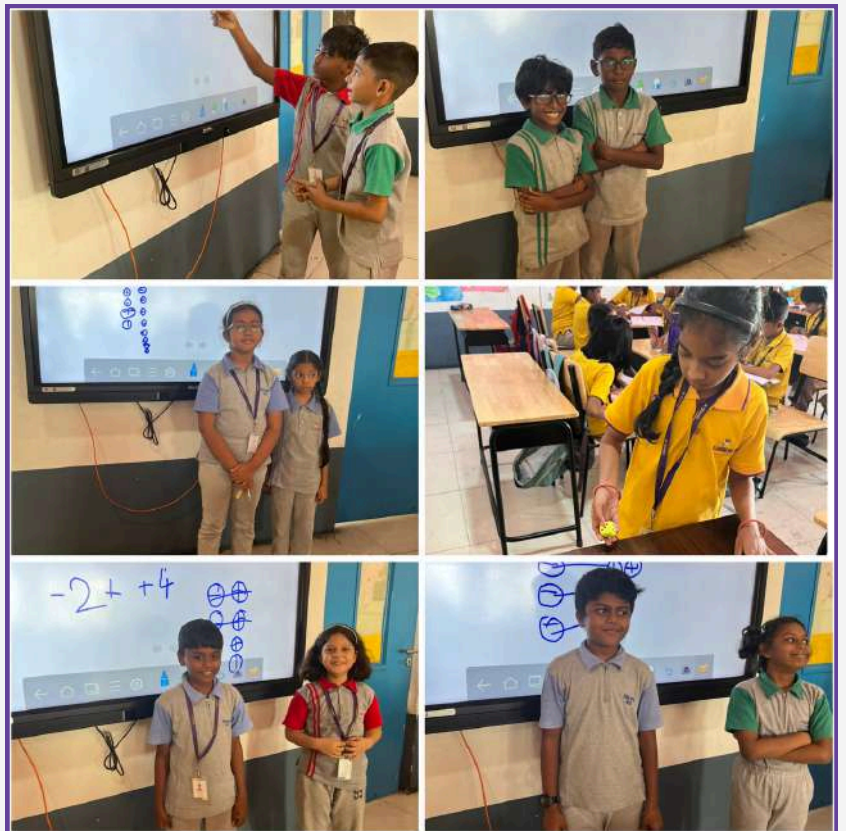
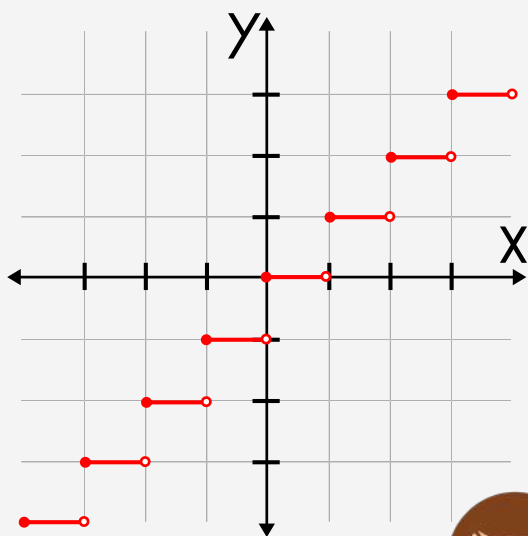
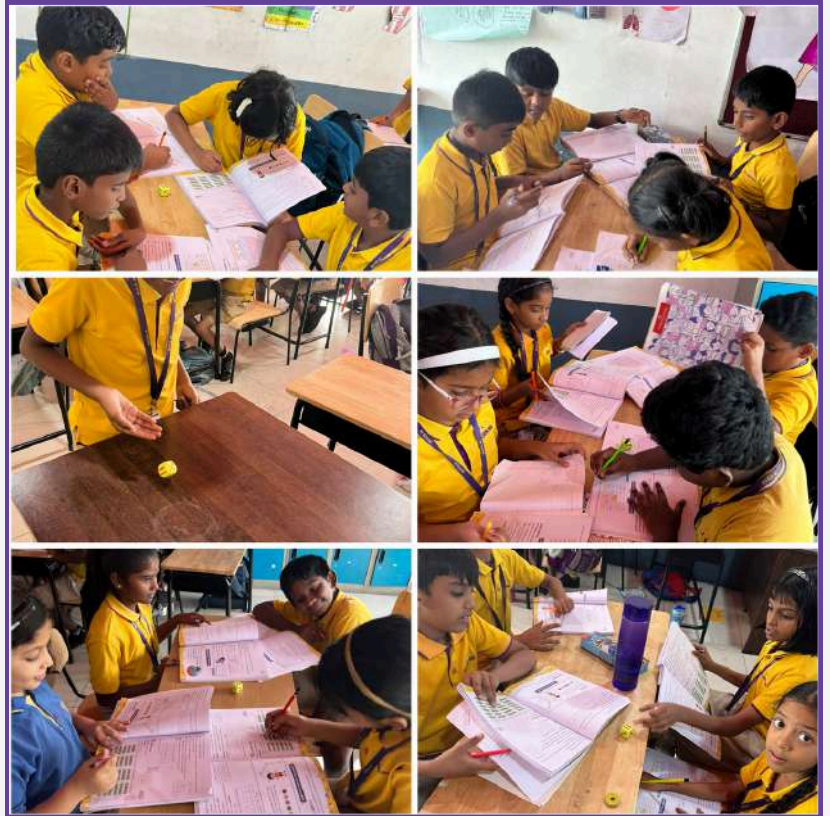


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## INTEGERS ACTIVITY

Ms. Abinaya Grade 4B Math Educator

To illustrate integers, learners engaged in interactive exercises using rolling dice and a pinwheel. First, we paired up and rolled dice assigned with integer values (-3 to 3), performing operations such as addition and subtraction. Plotting our results on an integer number line helped visualize the relationships between positive and negative numbers. Next, we used a pinwheel labeled with integers (+ and -) to demonstrate operations through rotations. Learners worked together to solve problems, further reinforcing their understanding of integers. These hands-on activities facilitated a deeper comprehension of integer concepts and made the learning process both fun and effective.



# #9

## STUDENT CORNER



### THE WONDERS OF SCIENCE: OUR FUN EXPERIMENT ON SEPARATION TECHNIQUES



Ishani Prabhakaran, Grade 6

Hello everyone! I am **Ishani Prabhakaran** from grade 6, and I'm excited to share an interesting science activity we recently did. It was all about separating insoluble substances from water using techniques like sedimentation, decantation, and filtration. For this activity, we used simple items: three containers, corn flour, rice flour, a funnel, filter paper, a spoon, and water. Here's what we did:

1. **Mixing the Substances:** We added corn flour and rice flour to water in separate containers and stirred it well.
2. **Sedimentation:** We then left the mixtures undisturbed to allow the heavier particles to settle at the bottom.
3. **Decantation:** After some time, we carefully poured the clear water from the top into another container, leaving the sediment behind.
4. **Filtration:** Finally, we passed the water through a funnel lined with filter paper to remove any remaining particles.

Watching the process unfold was fascinating! We observed how each step helped separate the insoluble substances from the water. This simple yet engaging activity taught us about real-life applications of these methods, like purifying water or separating impurities. It was a fun experiment, and we were all so curious to see the outcomes at every step. Science truly comes to life when we can experiment and explore! A big thank you to our teacher, Ms. Bauviya, for organizing this amazing activity. That's all from me—happy experimenting, everyone!





# #10

## Three Plays, Three Dimensions: Bringing English Stories to Life

Ms Revathi C, Grade 11 English Educator

Grade 11 students embarked on a unique journey through the world of literature as they performed three captivating skits based on the English supplementary stories Albert Einstein at School, The Ghat of the Only World, and Mother's Day. This ASL activity, spread over three weeks, transformed their classroom into a vibrant theatre, enriching their English language skills through performance and collaboration.

Week by week, students immersed themselves in the lives and struggles of iconic characters. In Albert Einstein at School, they stepped into the shoes of a young Einstein, highlighting his struggles with traditional education and his unorthodox dreams. The performance shed light on both the brilliance and the restless spirit of one of the greatest minds of our time.

Next, The Ghat of the Only World painted a poignant and emotional picture of friendship, culture, and memory, as students brought to life the moving bond between writer Amitav Ghosh and the late poet Agha Shahid Ali. The play emphasized the power of memories and the beauty of cross-cultural relationships.

Finally, Mother's Day added humor and a touch of reality to the stage, depicting a mother's unappreciated role in a family and the transformation that follows. The students used their wit and charm to deliver a powerful message about love, respect, and the unsung contributions of mothers everywhere.

This activity was more than just an academic exercise. It was a testament to the power of active learning, showing that classrooms are not just spaces for books and lectures, but can transform into theatres where stories come to life. By stepping into these roles, students developed their language, confidence, and creativity, leaving a colorful and memorable impression. The initiative truly brought English stories off the pages and onto the stage, fostering a deeper understanding of literature and language.







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# UNLEASH CREATIVITY IN A UNIQUE POETRY ACTIVITY

Ms Revathi C, Grade 11 English Educator



## Grade 11 Students Master the Art of Poetic Puzzle!

In an exciting and thought-provoking English class activity, Grade 11 students took on the challenge of rearranging a poem in a creative and meaningful way. The class was divided into two teams, each tasked with the same poem presented as separate strips of jumbled poetic lines. Their mission was to reorganize the verses based on their understanding and interpretation of the poem's underlying themes and message. To add to the challenge, each team was also asked to provide a suitable title that captured their unique version of the poem.

This activity wasn't just about putting lines in order; it was an exercise in fostering creativity, deep comprehension, and an appreciation for poetic expression. Students explored the meanings and figurative speech behind each line, reflecting on how words flow to create vivid imagery and rhythm.

Upon completion, the teams presented their restructured versions of the poem. The outcomes showcased the creative ways in which poetry can be understood and appreciated. Each team's approach, though different from the original poem, offered fresh insights into the versatility of language and the beauty of poetic expression.

This engaging exercise inspired students to see poetry beyond its traditional form, igniting a newfound love for poetic creativity and enriching their appreciation of the art. It reinforced that poetry has the power to shape and reflect our experiences, emphasizing that it truly lies in the simple yet profound moments of daily living.

### DID YOU KNOW?



#### The Poetry Machine (Read Write Think)

It is an online tool that allows users to create different types of poems, like acrostics, haikus, and diamante poems.





Come on children, Where have you been  
 Plant a tree, to Save the earth.  
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# SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE: INITIAL DISCUSSION KICK-OFF

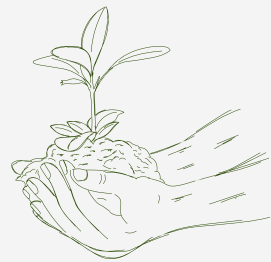


**Ms. Devi S, Senior KG Educator**

On 19/11/24, we held a successful initial discussion with our dedicated kindergarten parents and teachers about the "Seeds for the Future" initiative. Thank you to all who joined us—your participation and insights are invaluable.

We shared the Green Kalam project's vision and goals, aimed at creating a lasting impact on our students and school community. Parents and teachers provided great ideas, raised important questions, and helped shape the next steps.

We look forward to continuing this journey together on 29th November, working to make this initiative a memorable experience for all. Thank you for your support!



# HALL OF FAME

We are thrilled to announce that **Saloni Prasad** from **Grade 5** has secured **first place** in the **10-year (kata)** category at the **2nd District-Level Interschool Karate Championship** held on 17/11/24.

Saloni Prasad's accomplishment in the karate championship reflects her dedication, discipline, and passion for martial arts. This success is a testament to her hard work and serves as an inspiration to her peers. We look forward to seeing more of her outstanding achievements in the future. Congratulations, Saloni Prasad!



**Saloni Prasad**

