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Blue Day Celebration

A Day Filled with Blue, Fun, and Smiles

Ms. Deepa M, Nursery Educator

Our Nursery children celebrated Blue Colour Day with great enthusiasm and excitement. Dressed in beautiful blue outfits, the little learners enjoyed a variety of fun-filled activities that helped them explore and identify the colour blue.

The children happily played with blue balloons and participated in a fish-catching activity by transferring fish from one bowl to another. They also coloured a blueberry worksheet and enjoyed painting on paper plates featuring pictures of a fish, jellyfish, umbrella, and flower using shades of blue.

Adding to the excitement, the teachers actively participated alongside the children, making the celebration even more enjoyable and meaningful. Blue Colour Day helped the children recognise the colour blue while enhancing their creativity, fine motor skills, confidence, and social interaction through play-based learning.

The celebration was a joyful and memorable experience, leaving our little learners with bright smiles and wonderful memories.

Did you know?

- Blue is the colour of the sky and the ocean on a clear day.
- Colours help children observe, identify, and describe the world around them.

Exploring the Colour Blue Through Play and Creativity

Blot Painting

Exploring the Season

Ms. Reshma, Junior KG Educator

Our Junior Kindergarten students enjoyed a delightful blot painting activity as part of their exploration of the season.

Using a blue sheet of paper to represent the sky, the children applied white paint to one side of the paper. They then folded the paper in half, gently pressed it, and opened it to reveal beautiful cloud-like patterns. The children were amazed to see how each blot painting created its own unique cloud formation.

This creative art activity encouraged imagination, observation, and self-expression while enhancing fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. It was a joyful experience that helped our little learners explore the beauty of the sky and clouds through art.

Every artwork was unique, making the activity both exciting and memorable for our young artists.

Learning Through Mistakes

Building a Positive Mindset Through Stories and Creativity

Ms. Madeeha, Junior KG Educator

This month, our Junior Kindergarten children are exploring the Habits of Mind (HOM) story, "The Girl Who Never Made a Mistake." Through this inspiring story, they are learning that mistakes are a natural part of learning and that every mistake is an opportunity to grow.

To reinforce this valuable message, the children created colourful "It's Okay to Make a Mistake" bookmarks. They expressed their creativity by colouring the bookmarks beautifully while reflecting on the story's meaningful lesson.

This engaging activity encouraged creativity, strengthened fine motor skills, and inspired our little learners to embrace challenges with confidence, courage, and a positive mindset. It reminded them that every mistake is a stepping stone to learning and success.

Growing with Confidence

Did you know?

- Mistakes teach us patience, perseverance, and resilience.
- Asking questions helps us learn and grow with confidence.
- Being brave enough to try is more important than being perfect.

Inspired by Henri Matisse

Exploring Art Through Colour and Creativity

Ms. Madeeha & Reshma, Junior KG Educator

This month, our Junior Kindergarten children explored the world of the renowned artist Henri Matisse and discovered his unique style of art. As part of their learning, the children coloured beautiful Matisse-inspired patterns with great enthusiasm and creativity.

Their individual artworks were then brought together to create a vibrant Henri Matisse door collage, transforming our classroom entrance into a colourful display of imagination and teamwork. This creative experience encouraged artistic expression, strengthened fine motor skills, and helped our little learners appreciate the beauty of art through hands-on exploration.

Did you know?

- **Henri Matisse loved using bright, bold colours to create joyful artwork.**
- **He became famous for making beautiful art using colourful paper cut-outs**

Painting the Sky with Creativity

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Did you know?

- Henri Matisse was famous for using bold colours and simple shapes in his artwork.
- Creating art helps children express their ideas, feelings, and imagination.
- Collaborative art projects teach teamwork while creating something beautiful together.

Word Detectives – A Science Surprise

A Day Filled Uncovering Hidden Words Through Sciencewith Blue, Fun, and Smiles

Ms. Sivaranjani, Senior KG Educator

Our Senior KG learners enjoyed an exciting Word Detective activity that combined science with early literacy. Hidden CVC words were first written on paper using baking soda. The learners then used a paintbrush to apply a turmeric and sanitiser mixture over the paper. As if by magic, the hidden words appeared!

The children eagerly identified, read, and discussed the words while observing the fascinating scientific reaction. This hands-on activity sparked curiosity, strengthened their reading skills, and encouraged exploration through simple scientific discovery.

It was a wonderful blend of science, curiosity, and early literacy, making learning both exciting and memorable for our young learners.

Did you know?

- **Science experiments help children become curious and ask questions.**
- **CVC words are made up of a consonant, a vowel, and a consonant, such as cat, sun, and pig.**
- **Hands-on activities make learning more fun, engaging, and memorable.**

Little Scientists

Exploring and Conquering the Microscopic World

Ms.Devaprasanna, Senior KG Educator

This week, our Senior KG students stepped into the shoes of young scientists during an engaging awareness session on health and hygiene. Through interactive discussions, the children explored how germs spread, the importance of maintaining cleanliness, and the simple daily habits that help keep us safe and healthy.

To bring their learning to life, the students participated in a creative clay dough activity, where they worked collaboratively in groups to sculpt their own "customised germs." It was delightful to watch them discuss their creations while blending vibrant colours to design imaginative, larger-than-life microbes.

By transforming abstract concepts into tangible art, our little learners gained a better understanding of the importance of germ prevention while developing teamwork, communication, and creativity. This hands-on experience turned an important health lesson into an unforgettable and colourful journey of discovery.

Did you know?

- **Germs are tiny living organisms that can only be seen with a microscope.**
- **Washing our hands with soap is one of the best ways to stop germs from spreading.**
- **Healthy habits like eating nutritious food, staying clean, and getting enough sleep help keep our bodies strong.**

Junior KG Assembly

A Celebration of Confidence and Positive Thinking

Ms. Pallavi Patel, Kindergarten & Pre-Primary Academic Coordinator

This week, our Junior KG learners conducted a vibrant and engaging Kindergarten Assembly centred on the theme of Seasons, along with an exciting Five Senses Quiz. The assembly was thoughtfully planned and confidently presented by the children, who participated with great enthusiasm.

The young learners began the assembly by reciting positive affirmations, spreading messages of self-belief, kindness, gratitude, and confidence. Through lively songs, expressive actions, and interactive presentations, they explored the different seasons and demonstrated their understanding of the five senses. The engaging quiz encouraged active participation and reinforced their learning in a fun and meaningful way.

The assembly served as a wonderful platform for our young learners to develop their communication skills, build confidence, and enhance their stage presence. Their enthusiasm, teamwork, and cheerful performances reflected the spirit of experiential learning and holistic development that we nurture at our school.

We congratulate our Junior KG students and teachers for organising a well-planned and memorable assembly that celebrated learning, positivity, and confidence, leaving everyone inspired and smiling.

Did you know?

- **Positive affirmations help children build confidence and develop a positive mindset.**
- **Our five senses help us explore, understand, and enjoy the world around us.**
- **Participating in assemblies helps children improve their communication and public speaking skills.**

Learning, Leading, and Shining Together

Fire in the Mountain

A Fun Math Adventure

Ms. Sarala B, Grade 1 Maths Educator

Our Grade 1 students enthusiastically participated in the exciting "Fire in the Mountain, Run, Run, Run!" mathematics activity. As they ran around the playground, the teacher called out different numbers. The children listened carefully and quickly formed groups with the corresponding number of members.

This fun-filled activity strengthened their counting and number recognition skills while encouraging teamwork, quick thinking, and active participation. The children eagerly worked together, responded with enthusiasm, and enjoyed learning through movement and play.

The activity transformed mathematics into an exciting outdoor learning experience, helping students build confidence while developing essential mathematical and social skills in a joyful and engaging way.

Counting, Teamwork, and Fun in Every Step

Did you know?

- Learning through games makes mathematics more fun and memorable.
- Forming groups helps children develop counting, teamwork, and cooperation skills

Tints and Shapes Art

Exploring Colours and Shapes Through Art

Ms. Deepa , Grade 2 Art Educator

Our students explored the fascinating concepts of tints and shapes through a creative and engaging art activity. They learned that a tint is created by adding white to a colour, making it lighter, softer, and brighter. Using different tints, the children created beautiful artworks featuring skies, flowers, clouds, and other imaginative scenes.

The students also explored a variety of shapes, including circles, squares, triangles, rectangles, and ovals. They observed how shapes can be found in everyday objects and in nature, and used them to create pictures of people, animals, houses, and other creative designs.

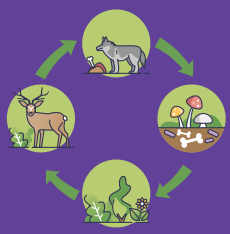
By combining tints and shapes, the children produced colourful and attractive artworks while enhancing their creativity, observation, and fine motor skills. This enjoyable activity encouraged them to imagine, explore, and express themselves through art, making learning both meaningful and fun.

Did you know?

- A tint is created by adding white to a colour, making it lighter.
- Many objects around us are made up of simple shapes like circles, squares, and triangles.
- Mixing colours and using shapes helps artists create beautiful works of art.

The Animal Food Hunt!

Matching Meals, Discovering Nature



Ms. Niveditha, Grade 2 Science Educator

Grade 2 students enthusiastically participated in a fun and interactive activity on Animal Food Habits. Using animal and food cards, they explored what different animals eat while learning about herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores.

Each student selected an animal card, while the food cards were placed face down on the table. They took turns flipping the cards to find the correct food for their chosen animal. If the food matched, they kept the card; if not, they turned it back and continued searching. For example, students who selected a cow searched for grass, while those with a lion looked for meat.

The activity encouraged students to observe, think critically, and use their memory skills while learning through play. It also strengthened their understanding of animal food habits in an enjoyable and meaningful way. Through this engaging experience, our young learners discovered that every animal has its own unique diet and plays an important role in nature.

"From grass to grains and fruits to meat —every animal has its own menu!"

Did you know?

- Herbivores eat only plants, carnivores eat only meat, and omnivores eat both plants and animals.
- Giraffes use their long necks to reach fresh leaves high up in trees.
- Every animal has special teeth and eating habits suited to the food it eats.

Exploring Animal Food Habits Through Play

Did you know?

- Every animal has a special diet that helps it grow healthy and strong.
- Herbivores have flat teeth, while carnivores have sharp teeth to suit the food they eat.

Exploring Animal Food Habits Through Play

Did you know?

- Crows are omnivores and can eat grains, fruits, insects, and small animals.
- Different animals have different beaks, teeth, and mouths based on the food they eat.

Multiply Your Imagination!

Math Meets Art

Ms. Sneha R, Grade 5 Math Educator & Primary Coordinator

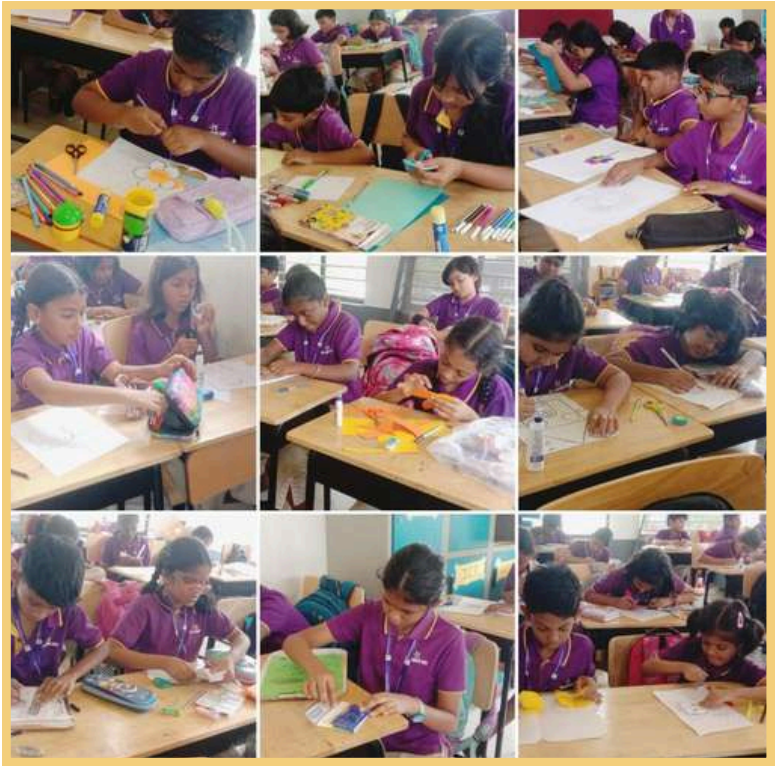
"Who said multiplication only belongs in notebooks?"

As the Grade 5 students completed their PA-I examinations, they stepped into a refreshing and creative post-exam activity—"Multiply Your Imagination! – Math Meets Art." Instead of solving multiplication problems on worksheets, students transformed plain chart papers into vibrant masterpieces filled with flowers, butterflies, robots, underwater worlds, magical forests, space adventures, and much more.

Each artwork had a mathematical twist. A garden wasn't just beautiful—it featured 6 flowers with 5 petals each, representing 6 × 5 = 30. An octopus reminded everyone that its 8 tentacles could become a fun multiplication challenge. Rockets, trees, fish, and superheroes also cleverly incorporated multiplication facts into their creative designs.

The classroom soon turned into a colourful art gallery where every picture told a mathematical story. Students enthusiastically shared ideas, explored patterns, and discovered that mathematics can be both creative and enjoyable.

This engaging activity beautifully blended relaxation, imagination, and learning after the examinations. It reinforced the idea that mathematics is not just about finding the right answer but also about recognising patterns, thinking creatively, and enjoying the learning process. At Billabong High International School, we believe that when imagination multiplies, learning becomes limitless!



Transforming Multiplication into Colourful Masterpieces

Did you know?

- Multiplication helps us count equal groups quickly and easily.
- Patterns in mathematics can also be found in art, music, and nature

Transforming Multiplication into Colourful Masterpieces

Did you know?

- Combining art with mathematics makes learning more creative, engaging, and memorable.

Transforming Multiplication into Colourful Masterpieces

Did you know?

- Nature is full of mathematical patterns, from flower petals to butterfly wings.
- Creative activities help us see that mathematics is all around us.

Voices Unscripted

Where Confidence Meets Creativity

Ms. Juveria Nahid, Grade 6 English Educator

Every great speaker begins with a single thought. The Grade 6 Extempore Speech Activity provided students with an exciting opportunity to think quickly, speak confidently, and express themselves creatively. Topics such as "If I Woke Up as an Animal" and "If I Could Travel Through Time" challenged participants to organise their ideas within moments before presenting them to their audience.

The classroom came alive with imaginative stories, humorous perspectives, and thought-provoking ideas. Each student demonstrated courage by stepping forward, embracing the challenge, and sharing unique viewpoints with confidence and enthusiasm.

Beyond improving public speaking skills, the activity strengthened critical thinking, creativity, communication, and active listening—skills that extend far beyond the classroom.

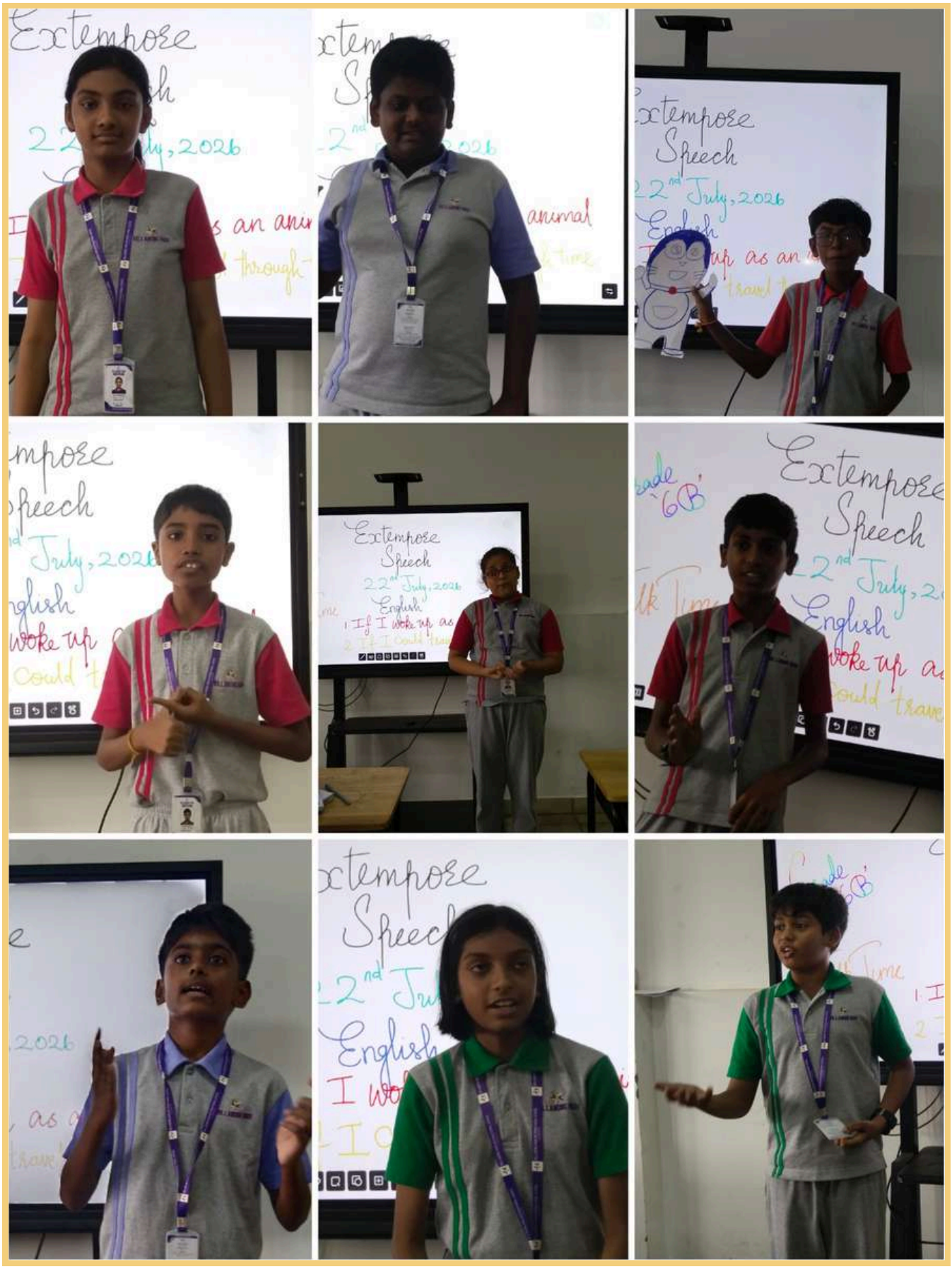
It also encouraged students to trust their instincts and value their own voices.

The event beautifully reflected that confidence is not about speaking perfectly; it is about speaking fearlessly. Every participant left with greater self-belief, proving that the most inspiring speeches often begin with spontaneous thoughts.

Did you know?

- **Extempore speaking helps improve quick thinking and decision-making skills.**
- **Listening carefully is just as important as speaking confidently.**

Thinking on the Spot, Speaking from the Heart



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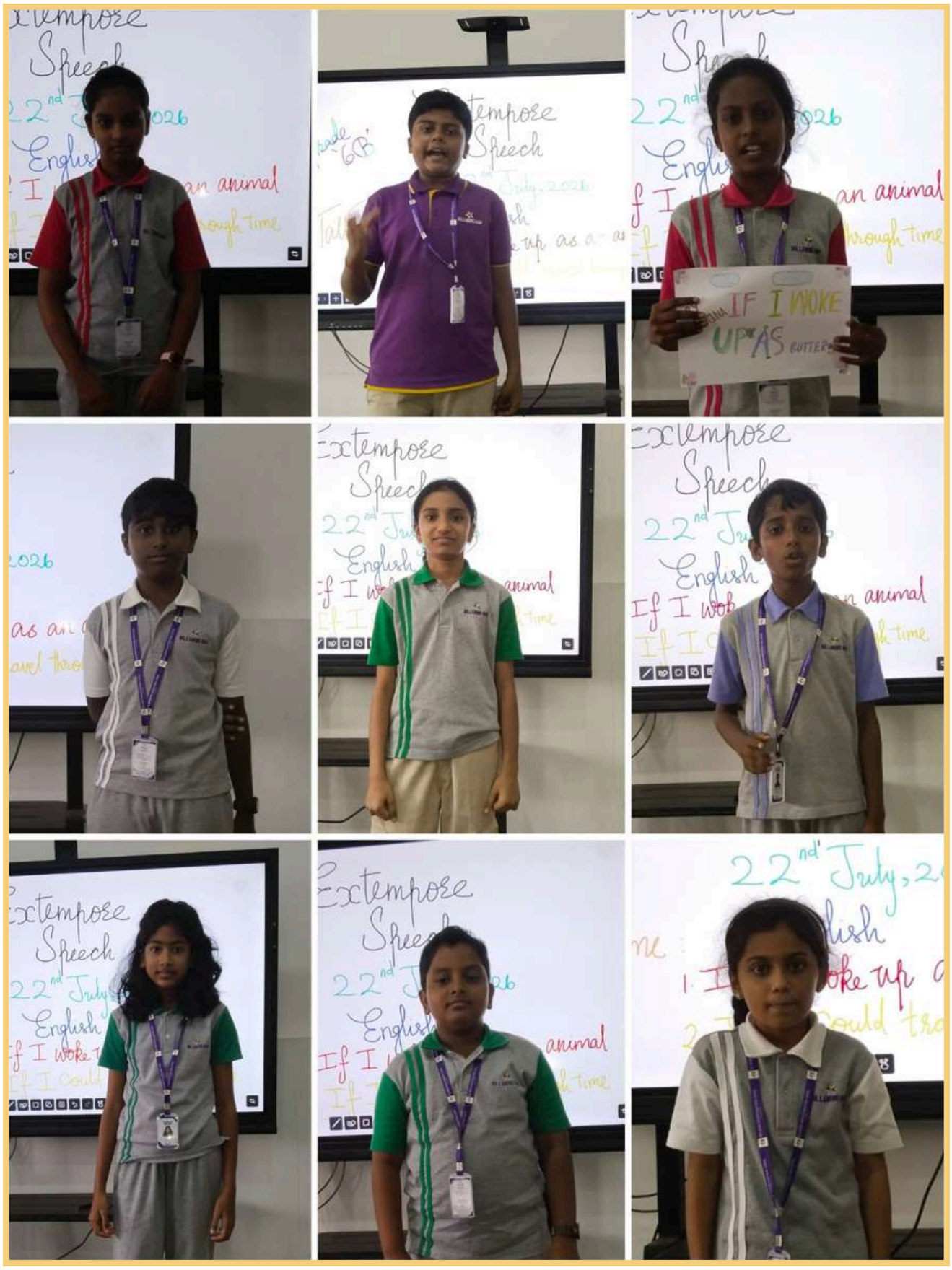

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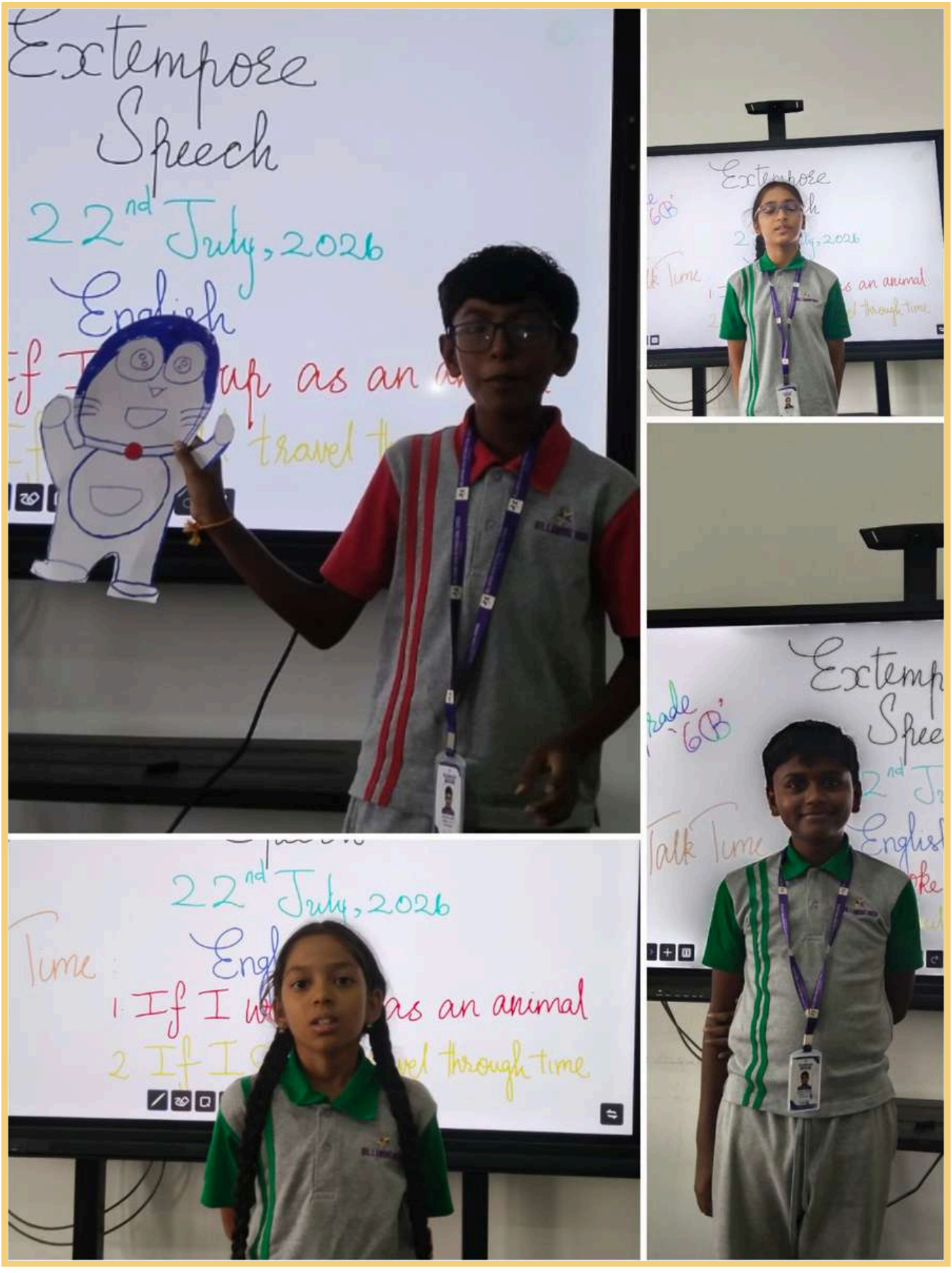

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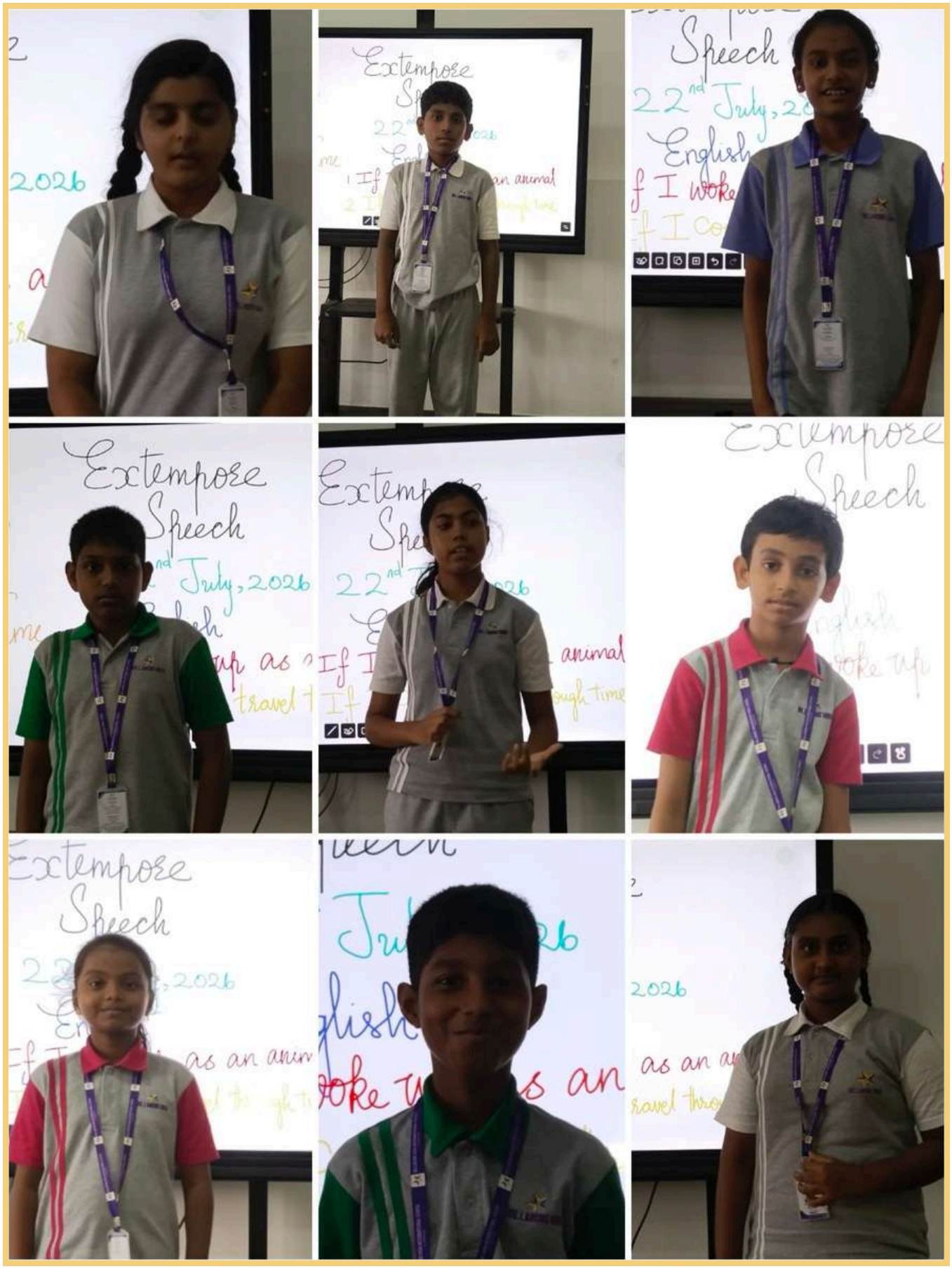


Hands-on Math: Discovering Cubes!

Discovering Through Exploration

Ms. Muthu Vijaya Devi R, Grade 8 Maths Educator

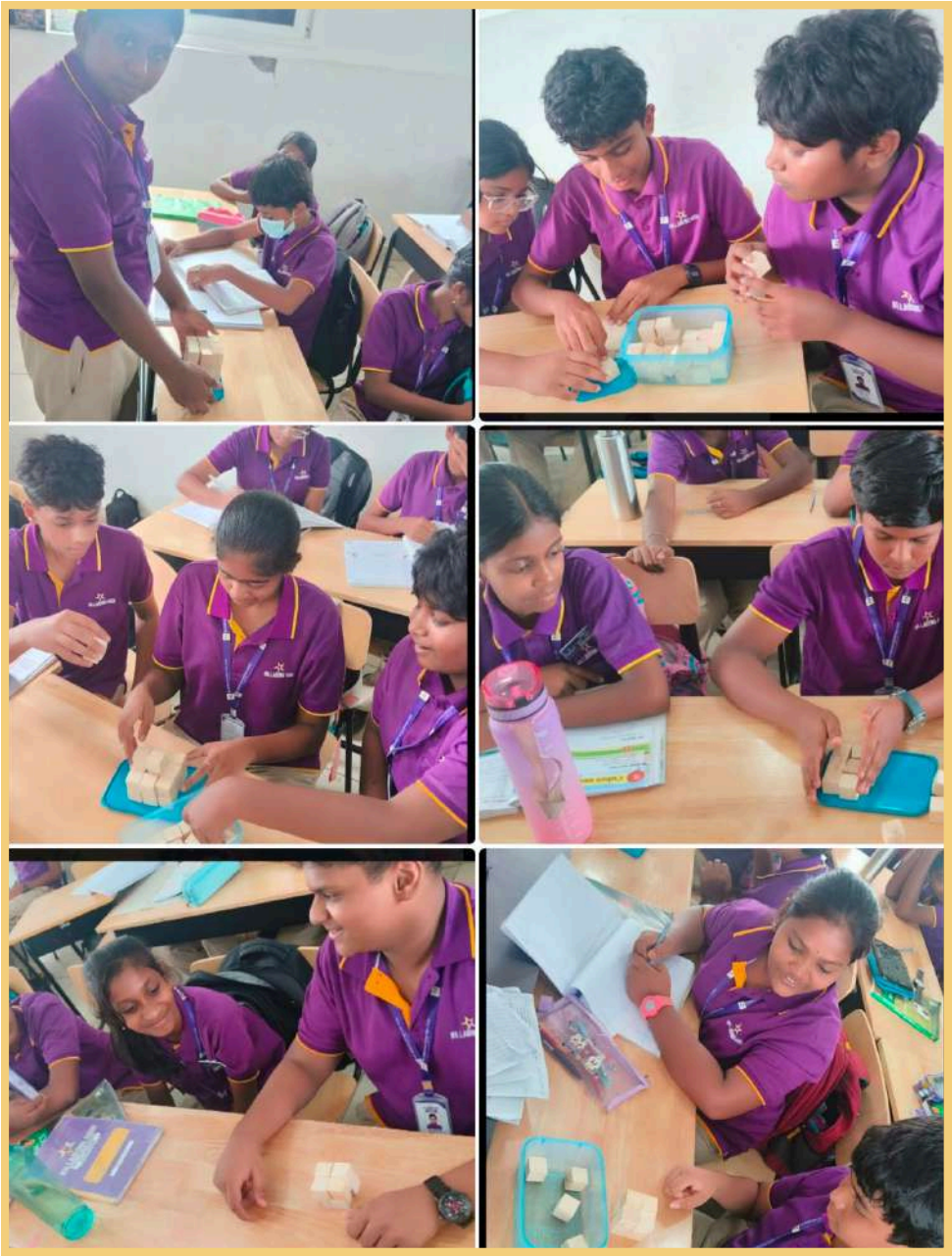
Our Grade 8 students brought mathematics to life through an engaging Cube Activity using 1-inch cubes.

The session began with students measuring one inch using a ruler and discovering that 1 inch = 2.54 cm. They then explored the concept of a cube by understanding that its length, breadth, and height are all equal.

Working collaboratively in teams, the students built:

- 2 × 2 × 2 cube = 8 unit cubes
- 3 × 3 × 3 cube = 27 unit cubes

As they stacked and counted the cubes, the meaning of the exponent "cube" (^{3}) became crystal clear. The activity sparked curiosity as students eagerly predicted the values of 4^3, 5^3, and all the way up to 15^3 through calculation. They also realised that once cube numbers are known, finding cube roots becomes much easier.



The activity transformed an abstract mathematical concept into a joyful learning experience. By measuring, building, observing patterns, and calculating, students developed a deeper understanding of the volume of a cube, perfect cubes, and cube roots, proving that mathematics is best learned through hands-on exploration.

Graphing the Rhythm of Trigonometry

Visualising Functions, Strengthening Concepts

Ms. Kamatchi S, Grade 11 Maths Educator

An engaging and concept-oriented classroom activity was conducted for the Grade XI CBSE students to enhance their understanding of trigonometric functions and their graphical representations.

During the activity, students were provided with a variety of trigonometric graphs and encouraged to identify the corresponding functions through careful observation and analysis. They then determined the domain, range, and period of each graph by applying their conceptual understanding of trigonometric functions.

As an extension of the activity, students prepared informative charts presenting each identified function along with its corresponding domain, range, and period. This exercise enabled them to interpret graphical representations accurately and relate them to the mathematical properties of trigonometric functions.

The activity promoted active participation, collaborative learning, analytical thinking, and conceptual clarity. It successfully reinforced students' understanding of trigonometric concepts while strengthening their ability to connect theoretical knowledge with visual mathematical representations.

Did you know?

- **Trigonometric graphs are used in engineering, architecture, astronomy, and sound technology.**
- **The sine and cosine graphs repeat in a regular pattern called a period.**
- **Graphs help us visualise mathematical relationships and understand functions more effectively.**

STEM

Cross Math Challenge

Ms. Meenakshi Boopathy, STEM–Math In-charge

Our Grade 1–5 students enthusiastically participated in the STEM–Math Cross Math Challenge, an engaging activity designed to strengthen mathematical thinking through logical reasoning and problem-solving.

The Cross Math puzzle encouraged students to apply their knowledge of age-appropriate mathematical operations while identifying patterns and solving interconnected calculations. As each answer influenced the next, students learned the importance of accuracy, sequencing, and critical thinking—skills that are fundamental to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

Through this activity, students developed computational thinking, analytical reasoning, and perseverance while experiencing how mathematics forms the foundation for solving real-world challenges. The excitement and determination displayed by our young learners reflected their growing confidence in tackling mathematical puzzles and thinking like future problem-solvers.

It was wonderful to see students actively engaged, collaborating with their peers, and celebrating their achievements as they successfully completed the challenge. Activities like these continue to nurture curiosity, creativity, and a love for learning while preparing our students with the essential skills needed for the future.

Did you know?

- **Solving puzzles helps improve logical thinking and problem-solving skills.**
- **Mathematics is the foundation of STEM and is used in science, engineering, and technology.**
- **Finding patterns helps us solve problems more quickly and accurately.**

Strengthening Minds Through Mathematical Thinking

Did you know?

- Patterns are found everywhere—in nature, music, art, and mathematics.
- Working together on puzzles improves teamwork and communication skills.

Solving, Thinking, and Growing Together






Did you know?

- Mathematical thinking helps us analyse information and make informed decisions.
- Every solved puzzle is a step towards becoming a better problem-solver.

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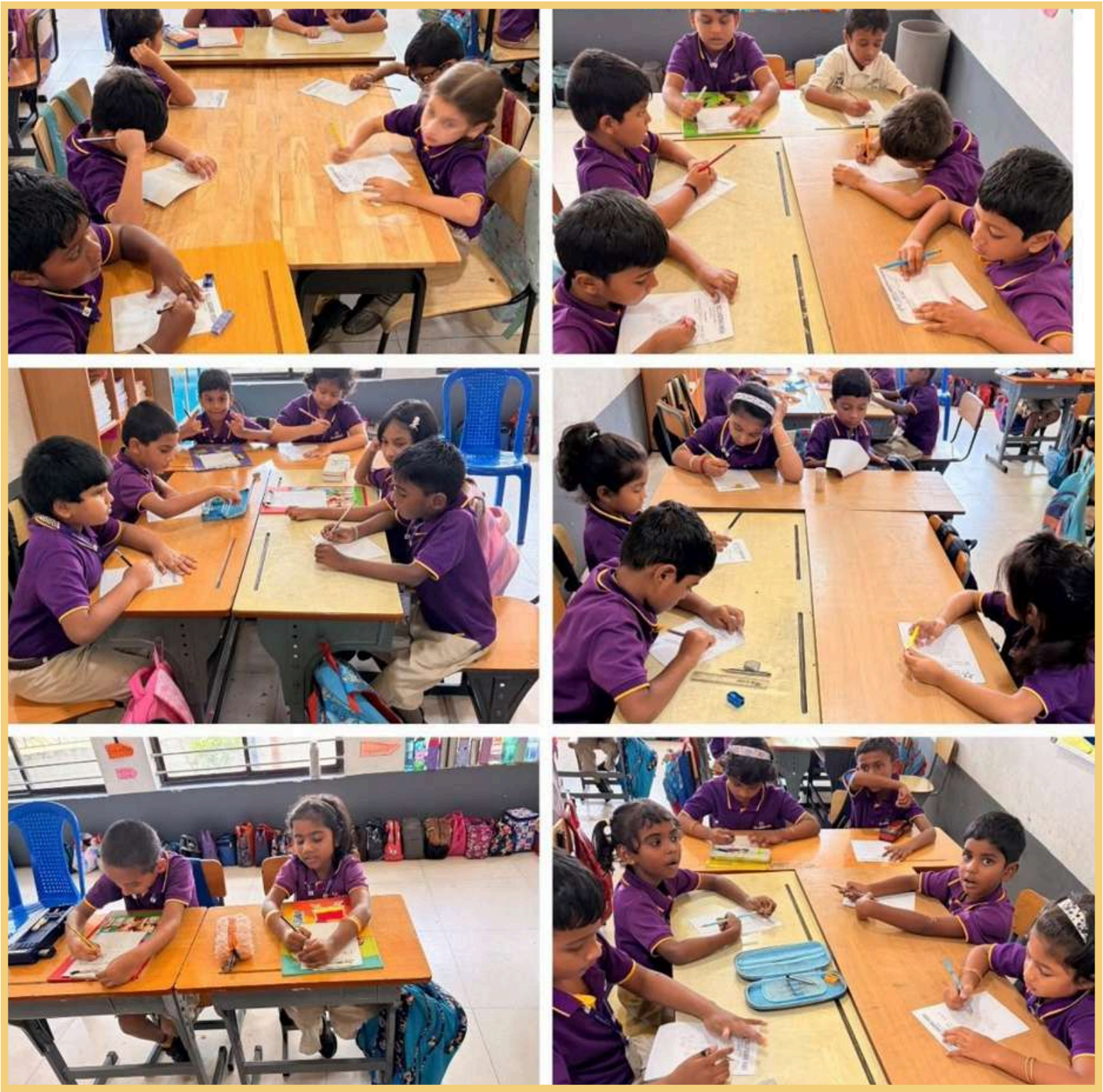

Did you know?

- Every puzzle solved helps strengthen your brain and boosts confidence.
- Patterns can be found everywhere—from nature to mathematics.

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STEM-Based Stress Buster Activity

Relax, Recharge, and Learn Through STEM

Ms. Bauviya S, Middle School Academic Coordinator

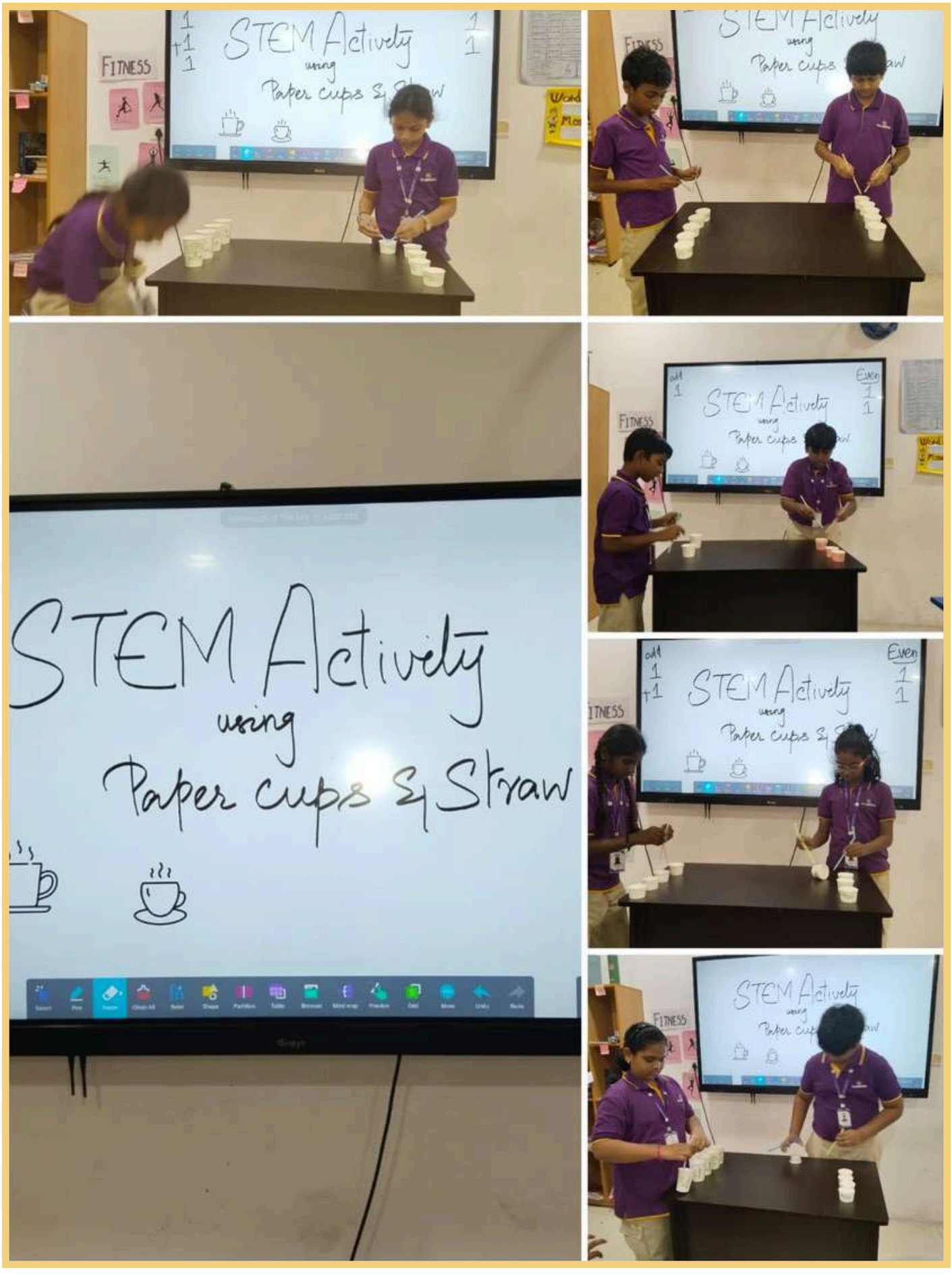
To help students relax after the Periodic Assessment, a fun-filled STEM-Based Stress Buster Activity was conducted for students of Grades 6 to 8. The students enthusiastically participated in two exciting team challenges—Stacking Paper Cups Using Pencils and Collecting Paper Cuttings Using Straws.

The cup-stacking activity encouraged students to apply engineering skills such as planning, balance, coordination, and teamwork, while the straw challenge introduced the concept of air pressure and strengthened concentration and fine motor skills.

These simple yet engaging activities demonstrated how STEM learning can be incorporated into everyday tasks. Students collaborated, solved problems creatively, and enjoyed a refreshing break from academics while strengthening their critical thinking, communication, and teamwork skills.

The session was a perfect blend of learning and fun, leaving students energised, confident, and inspired to explore science through hands-on experiences.

Turning Challenges into Fun Learning Experiences



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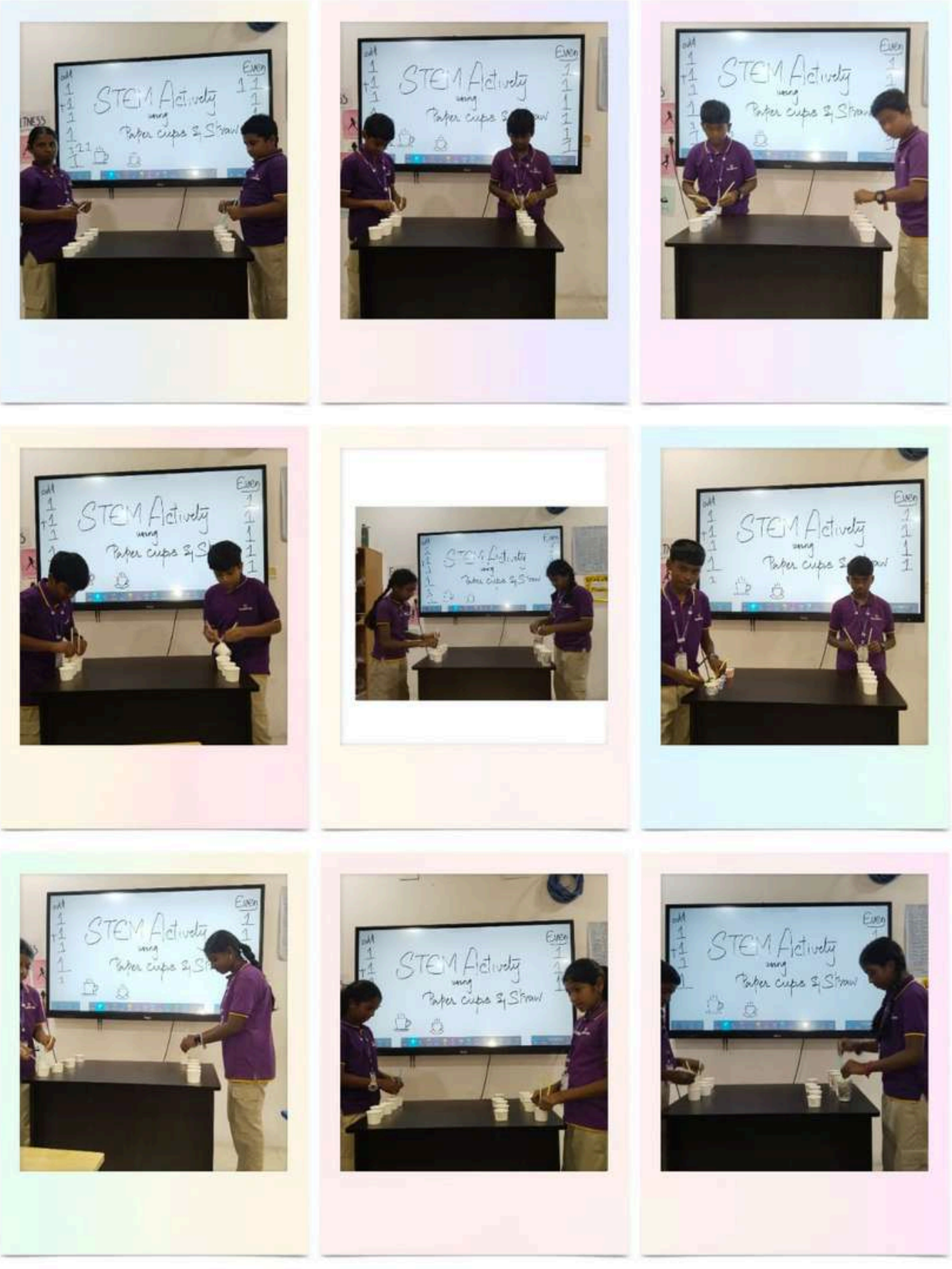

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Did you know?

- STEM activities encourage creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving.
- •Air pressure helps us perform many everyday tasks, including drinking through a straw.
- Hands-on challenges help improve coordination, focus, and critical thinking skills.

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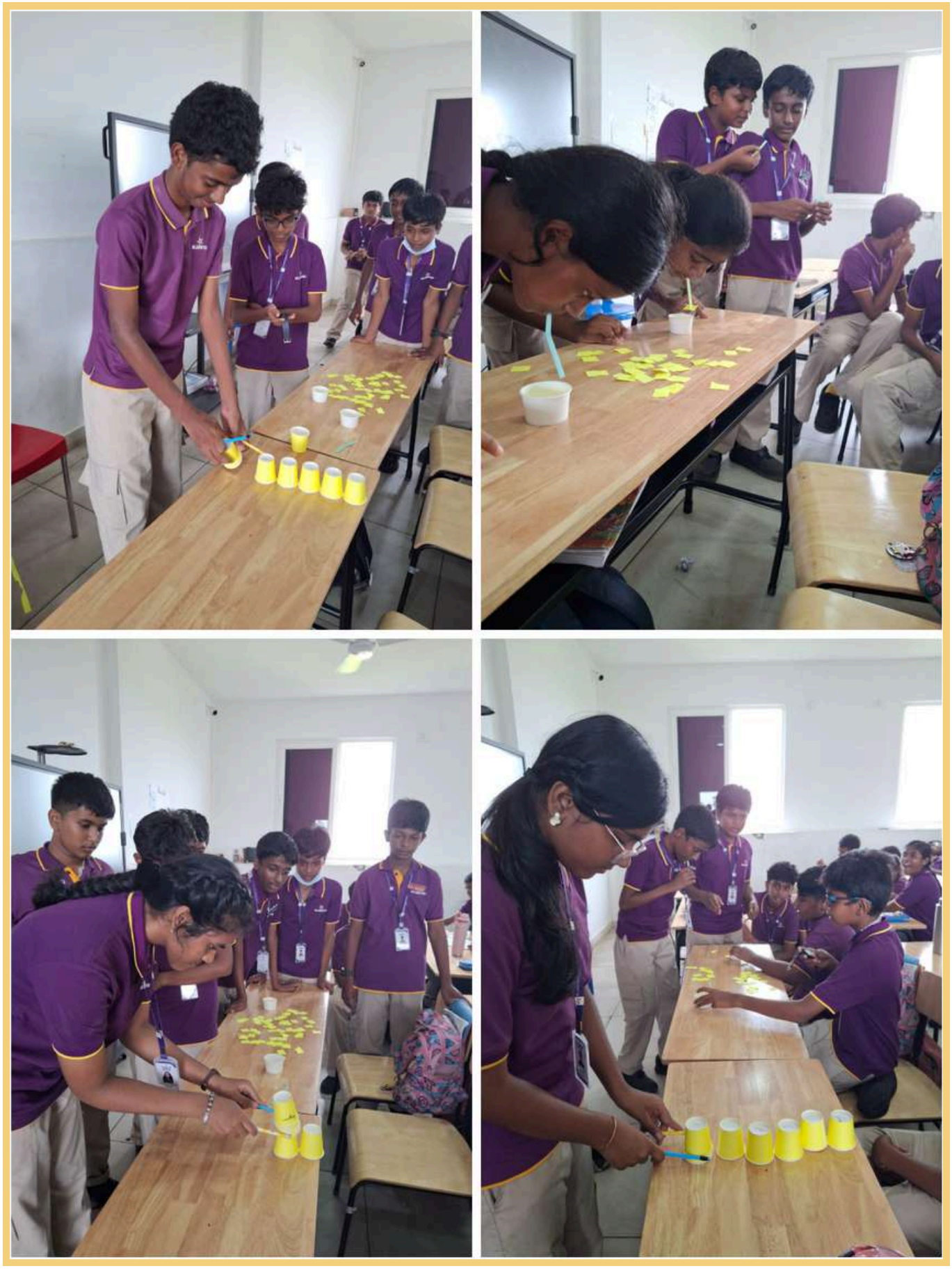

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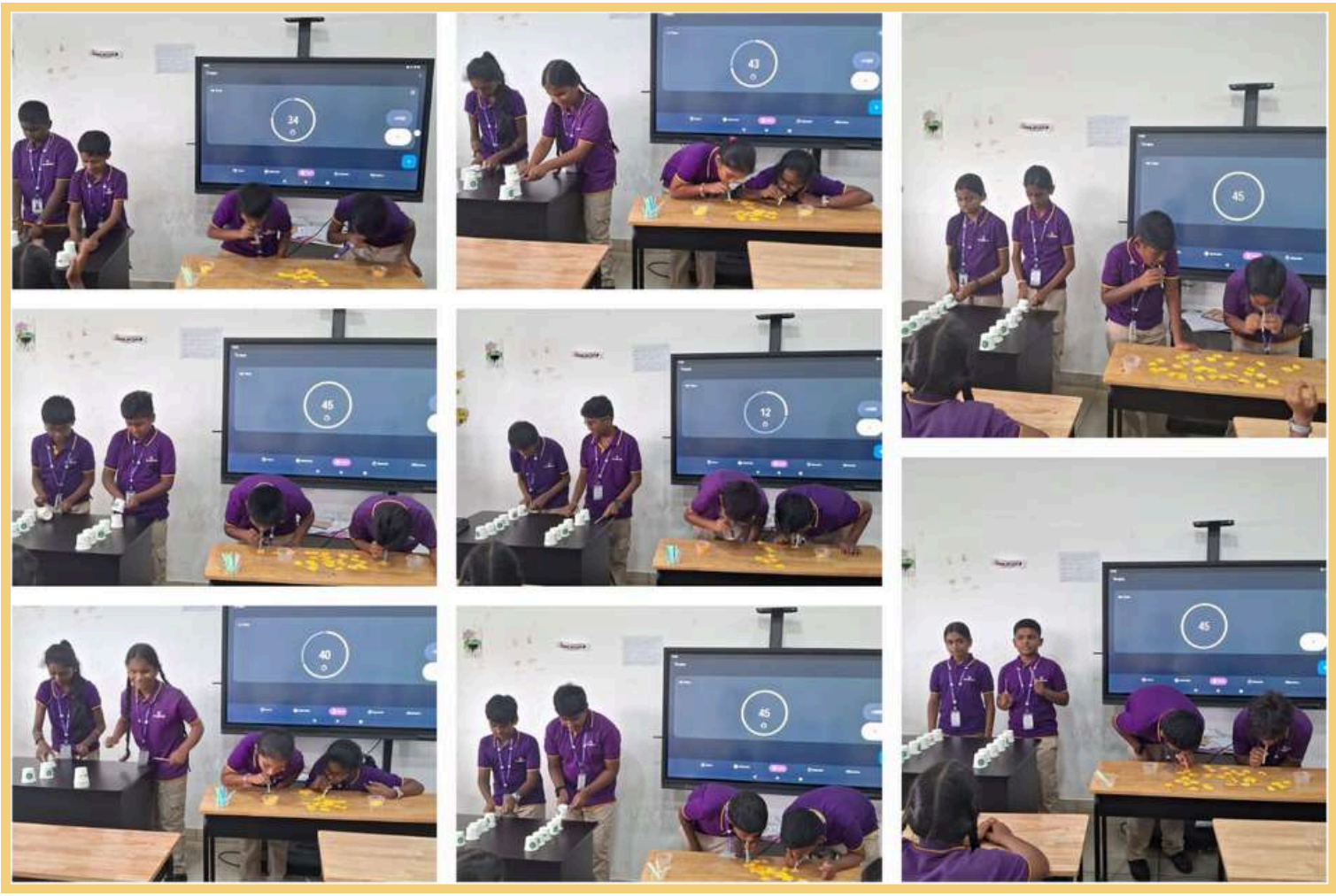

Did you know?

- **Building and balancing objects strengthens coordination and problem-solving skills.**
- **Learning through games makes science and mathematics more enjoyable.**
- **Every STEM challenge encourages students to observe, explore, and discover.**

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