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Trustee Message

Dear Readers,

“Education is a process by which character is formed, the strength of mind is increased, and intellect is sharpened, as a result of which one can stand on one’s own feet.”

This philosophy is the cornerstone of the vision we uphold at the Gajera Group of Schools. It reflects our belief in education as the most powerful tool to unlock human potential and bring about meaningful change in the world.



At Gajera, our focus extends beyond academic achievement; we aim to cultivate an environment where learning is a joyful and enriching experience. Through our carefully designed curriculum and innovative teaching methods, we provide a platform that nurtures critical thinking, creativity, and intellectual curiosity. Our goal is to help students explore their interests, discover their strengths, and grow into well-rounded individuals who can confidently navigate life’s challenges. We firmly believe that every child is unique, and it is this uniqueness that makes education a deeply personal journey. Our approach centers on understanding and nurturing the potential of each learner, tailoring our methods to suit their individual abilities and aspirations. In doing so, we create an inclusive and supportive environment where every child can flourish.

Holistic education lies at the heart of our mission. While we are committed to equipping our learners with the skills and knowledge they need to excel in a competitive world, we also emphasize the importance of values, empathy, and ethics. Our students are guided to honor their heritage and culture, develop a strong sense of right and wrong, and embrace a global perspective. This blend of tradition and modernity ensures that they are not only academically prepared but also emotionally and socially equipped to make a positive impact on society. As we move forward, we are excited to witness the growth of our students into responsible and compassionate individuals who will lead with integrity and purpose. Our commitment to fostering a culture of innovation, creativity, and excellence remains unwavering. Together, we can continue to build a community of learners and leaders who are driven by curiosity and compassion. Let us embark on another month of learning, growth, and shared successes. With your continued support and dedication, we can empower our students to achieve their dreams and become agents of positive change in the world.

Warm regards,





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Principal's Message Corner: Global Awareness and Citizenship

Dear Readers

In an increasingly interconnected world, fostering global awareness and responsible citizenship has never been more important. At Laxmi International School, we strive to develop not only academically strong students but also individuals who are mindful of their role in the world, ready to contribute to the global community with empathy and integrity.



Let me share a simple yet profound story to illustrate this. A young boy once saw a beach covered in stranded starfish. Determined to help, he began throwing them back into the ocean, one by one. A passerby remarked that his efforts wouldn't make a difference with so many starfish. The boy, undeterred, picked up another starfish and said, "It makes a difference to this one."

This story reminds us that every small action matters. Whether it's caring for our environment, standing up for justice, or simply showing kindness to others, each of us has the power to make a meaningful impact. By nurturing these values, we shape students into responsible global citizens who understand that positive change begins with each individual's actions.

Let's continue to inspire our students to think globally and act locally, knowing that they can be the spark of change in a complex world.

Warm Regards,
Mr. Pravin Pawar
Principal





PATHWAY TO PROFICIENCY: RE-DEFINED PRIMARY ENGLISH TEACHING

A landmark teacher training session, organized by Sanskriti Sahodaya in collaboration with CBSE, was recently held at Laxmi International School, Sarigam, focusing on the National Education Policy (NEP), National Curriculum Framework (NCF), and National Credit Framework (NCrF). The training aimed to equip educators with the knowledge needed to align with India's evolving educational landscape. The training saw enthusiastic participation from teachers across various schools, eager to enhance their pedagogical skills and understanding of these key frameworks. The event was graced by eminent speakers, including Ms. Shubhangini Shettigar, Ms. Archana Desai, and Ms. Sneha Dadu, who led various sessions with their expertise.



Ms. Shubhangini Shettigar presented the vision of NEP 2020, stressing its holistic, flexible approach to move away from rote learning. Ms. Sneha Dadu discussed the NCF, emphasizing experiential learning and critical 21st-century skills, while Ms. Ms. Archana Desai covered the NCrF, explaining how it facilitates credit accumulation and integrates vocational education to create flexible learning pathways..

Throughout the training, the speakers engaged participants with hands-on activities, case studies, video presentation and group discussions, encouraging educators to explore innovative classroom strategies aligned with these transformative policies. Teachers also had the opportunity to share best practices and insights on how to bring these frameworks to life in their schools.

In closing remarks, Laxmi International School, Sarigam expressed gratitude to Sanskriti Sahodaya, CBSE, and the distinguished speakers for organizing such a vital training. The training emphasized the importance of continuous professional development for teachers, especially in light of the significant shifts introduced by the NEP.

Principal Mr. Pravin Pawar guided participants by speech where he quoted, "The future of education is evolving, and we must evolve with it. Our role as educators is to guide students into becoming confident, competent, and compassionate individuals, and this training has provided us with the tools to do just that", encouraging teachers to update knowledge in this era. This training session marks a crucial step forward in ensuring that teachers are well-equipped to implement the changes in curriculum and learning frameworks envisioned by NEP, NCF, and NCrF, ultimately fostering a more inclusive and learner-centric educational experience.





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Events

"Celebrating the Heart of Education: Honoring Our Teachers' Dedication and Wisdom"

Laxmi International School celebrated Teachers' Day on 5th September 2024 with great enthusiasm, honoring the educators who inspire and guide students every day. The festivities began with a special morning assembly, where students expressed their gratitude through heart-felt speeches, poems, and musical performances.

The assembly highlighted the legacy of

Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, whose birthday marks this special occasion.



A unique tradition at Laxmi International, the student-teacher switch, allowed senior students to take on the roles of their teachers for the day. This role reversal gave students a new perspective on the responsibilities of teaching, while their teachers proudly observed them in action.



Students honored LIS teachers with a formal ceremony. Teachers were recognized with awards for their excellence and dedication, and students presented them with personal letters of thanks. The celebration continued with fun games and activities, allowing teachers to unwind and enjoy a lighthearted moment with their students. Laxmi International School's Teachers' Day celebration was a beautiful expression of appreciation, recognizing the invaluable role that teachers play in shaping the future.

Celebrating the Richness of Our National Language

To commemorate the significance of Hindi as our national language, Laxmi international school celebrated Hindi Diwas with great enthusiasm on 14 September . The event was part of the larger “Hindi Pakhwada,” a two-week celebration from 4 to 14 September dedicated to promoting the use and love for the Hindi language through various activities.

The two-week-long Hindi Pakhwada helped in fostering a love for Hindi among the students and reminded everyone of the importance of preserving and promoting our national language in everyday life.

Activities under Hindi Pakhwada		
Class	Date	Activities
Class 1 and 2	14/09/24	Hindi Action Song Competition
Class 3 and 4	14/09/24	Cartoon Character Role Play
Class 5 and 6	10/09/24 (5A, 5C) 12/09/24 (5B, 6B) 13/09/24 (6A, 6C)	Bulletin Board Decoration
Class 7	11/09/24	Dictionary Activity
Class 8	04/09/24	Slogan Writing with Calligraphy
Class 9	09/09/24	Stone Painting
Class 10	06/09/24	Advertisement Presentation







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Glimpse of the classroom

The month of September was filled with excitement. On 6th September 2024, the students of Grade 10B participated in an engaging and informative activity focused on the mathematical concept of the "Sector and Segment of a Circle." This activity was designed to enhance students' understanding of key geometrical ideas, including the sector, segment, and chord of a circle. Through hands-on exercises, the students learned to apply various formulas to calculate the area of sectors and segments, deepening their problem-solving and analytical thinking skills. This activity not only reinforced the mathematical theory but also helped develop their spatial visualization and reasoning abilities, critical for future geometrical studies. The experience proved to be an effective





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Student's Corner

Harmonizing Success: Celebrating Musical Excellence

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Harmonizing Success: Smruti Mange and Foram Sarvaiya Shine at Swarodaya's Prashant-Smruti Duet Competition

"Swarodaya brought together the finest voices, and Smruti Mange and Foram Sarvaiya rose above with a melody that resonated with passion and precision. Congratulations on this remarkable achievement!"

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Congratulations

"Strumming to Success:
Swarit Shetty Shines as 1st in Solo Guitar at Yuva Utsav 2024-25!"
"Swarit's strings resonate with passion, hitting every chord of victory with effortless grace at Yuva Utsav 2024-25."

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"Music is the universal language of the soul, connecting hearts and harmonizing minds in ways words cannot."

At LIS, we always believe in the power of passion, hard work and dedication. The harmonizing success of Smruti Mange and Foram Sarvaiya at Swarodaya's Prashant Smriti Duet Competition is a shining example of these values in action.

The music competition was more than just an event; it was a grand symphony celebrating our students' musical talent, dedication, and school spirit. The competition highlighted the harmony of skill, creativity, and collaboration that music brings into our lives.

Each melody and rhythm showcased their hard work and artistic growth, underscoring the transformative power of music.

Strumming to Success

It is with great pride and excitement that we announce Swarit Shetty's outstanding achievement of securing first place in the prestigious Yuva Utsav 2024-25. This victory marks yet another milestone in the talented young musician's journey and shines a spotlight on the vibrant culture of artistic excellence at our school. This achievement is not just a personal victory for a student but also a proud moment for our school, which continues to nurture and foster a love for the arts alongside academic excellence. As students strum their way to greater heights, we look forward to celebrating more of their future successes and the blossoming of many more talents in our school community. Congratulations, Swarit, on this well-deserved win!



Mastering the Melodies

"After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music." Aldous Huxle.

We are proud to announce that Rishi Patel has secured First Place in the Classical Harmonium Solo Competition at Yuva Utsav 2024-25. This achievement is a testament to student's dedication and deep appreciation for classical music. It highlights the enriching experiences that come from engaging in the arts. This accomplishment reflects the student's dedication and perseverance, honed through rigorous practice and supported by the guidance of LIS. The ability to blend technical skill with artistic expression was clearly evident, earning them this well-deserved recognition.

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Congratulations

"Mastering the Melodies:
Rishi Patel Claims 1st in Classical Harmonium Solo at Yuva Utsav 2024-25!"

"With every note, Rishi brings tradition to life,
proving that classical music still reigns supreme at Yuva Utsav 2024-25."

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Beating to Tradition

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Congratulations

"Beating to Tradition:
Nirmith Rathod of 3B Triumphs in Lok Vadya at Bal Pratibha Shodh 2024-25!"

"Nirmith's rhythm echoes with the timeless essence of folk music,
striking the perfect balance between heritage and talent."

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"Folk music is the voice of the people, echoing stories and traditions through melodies that transcend time." At LIS, we cherish the rich tapestry of culture, passion, and community that folk music represents. The recent achievements of our students in the Folk Music Competition exemplify these core values beautifully. We celebrate Nirmith Rathod's efforts and triumph in Lok Vadya at Bal Pratibha Shodh 2024-25. We are immensely proud of our talented performers, who embody the spirit of our heritage and inspire us all to appreciate the beauty of folk traditions!



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PARENT'S CORNER

Parent's Corner: A lesson from Mother Nature

This month we are delighted to feature a motivating story by our beloved parent, Mrs. Nitaben Gangjibhai Dama mother of Jiya Dama Class 3A.

In this story, she has beautifully stated the importance of nature and the need for maintaining the same. We hope that this story motivates our students to change their perspective on the use of natural sources.

A lesson from Mother Nature

One day, a boy was playing in a garden. He was running after the butterflies and trying to catch them. He was very happy to see the colourful butterflies and flowers. Then he saw a frog hopping, as he ran behind the frog it jumped into the pond. He then saw a cow peacefully chewing the grass when suddenly a fly came buzzing disturbing the cow. This seemed funny to the boy. He was enjoying the nature and said "Nature is wonderful and this beauty attracts every individual. Everyone here is happy and lively." While he was busy admiring the nature a squirrel came by and ran from there. He started chasing the squirrel and reached near the rose bed. He thought that the roses are beautiful and he should take one for his mother. As he tried to pluck some roses, a thorn pierced his finger. He felt immense pain and ran to his mother while crying. His mother asked him the reason for crying, he said "Mummy, I was enjoying the nature when I saw these beautiful roses and I thought to pluck some for you but the thorns present on the rose plant pricked me." His mother smiled and answered "you know that every mother cares for their kids, right?". The boy said yes by nodding his head, his mother continued "So my dear son, the beautiful flowers are also mother nature's kids and to prevent her kids she added those thorns on the plant. Everything present in the nature has its own value and that should be known to us." The boy was listening very attentively, when his mother added "Some things are meant to be admired and protected. So dear son remember if you care for mother nature in return she will care for you, but if you try to hurt mother nature by any means she will hurt you back."

Moral of the story: "We should protect the plants and animals present in the nature and should remember that whatever we sow is what we reap."





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Educator's Corner

Workshop on National education policy (NEP) at R. S. Jhunjunwala School, Vapi-Gujarat, India



Date: 28/09/2024,

Title: workshop on the "National Education Policy (NEP)"

Venue: R. S. Jhunjunwala School, Vapi-Gujarat, India.

The workshop focused on several core learning objectives, such as holistic education that promotes intellectual, emotional, and social development. It highlighted the importance of a multidisciplinary approach, encouraging the integration of arts, science, and vocational education, which resonated deeply with modern educational needs.

Additionally, the emphasis on skill development through life skills, coding, and vocational training offered practical insights into how education can be more engaging and industry-oriented. Teacher training was also a key focus, with discussions on new pedagogies and the use of technology to enhance learning. The promotion of digital learning tools, flexible curriculum choices, and multilingualism were among the key takeaways that we aim to integrate into our teaching practices. Overall, the workshop was an enriching experience, providing practical strategies to implement NEP effectively. It reaffirmed the importance of evolving our educational system to prepare students for a future driven by innovation and critical thinking.





Our Guiding lights: Teacher

In the quite corridors,
where whispers shift,
dreams take flight and spirits lift.

A teacher stands with heart and mind,
to guide us, nurture and be kind.

They plant the seeds of dreams and more,
unlocking every hidden door.

They saw in us what even we did not,
a little child who feared to be sought.

We are the caterpillars,
that they want to see become butterflies,
fly high and touch the skies.

For every groan they've turned to laugh,
for every "oops! " and "I forgot my graph",
For every excuse they have heard with cheer,
they've turned our mistakes into something dear.

Wiping every sweat and tear,
they put on a smile and hear.
For every heart they've mended and spirits raised,
today let them be praised.



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