



# EKLAVYA SAMACHARA

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Vasant Panchami	2 February
Thomas Alva Edison's Birthday	11 February
Galileo Galilei	15 February
Shivaji Jayanti	19 February
Sports Day	22 February
Maha Shivratri	26 February

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Parents' Workshop Dates:** 15 February, Sat 10am – 11am

**IPEM:** Fri & Sat, 7 & 8 February.

- Please use the IPEM as an opportunity to understand and discuss the progress of your child.
- Please reach the school 10 minutes before your IPEM slot.
- It is mandatory for both parents to attend the IPEM.
- If the parents arrive late, we will not be able to conduct the IPEM.

### Field Visits

**Field Visit to Church :** - On 3 Jan, children of PG and KG visited Our Lady of Vailankanni Church in Yelahanka. They observed the idols of Virgin Mary, Joseph and Jesus Christ. They also enjoyed looking at the beautifully decorated Christmas tree and the Nativity Scene display in the Church. Children also had a brief interaction with the Father of the Church.







## Celebrations

**4 Jan - Louis Braille's Birthday** : - Children celebrated Louis Braille's birthday by learning about his life and about the Braille language. They did an activity of closing their eyes and trying to feel the darkness and imagine what it would be like if they couldn't see. The children were also shown a beautiful textured, storybook which has both Braille and English words. Children felt the Braille letters and tried to understand how a blind person would be able to read using Braille.



**14 Jan, Makara Sankranthi** : - This Makara Sankranthi, children of PG, KG and TG prepared and relished Ellu Bella, a sweet Karnataka special snack. Children were shown each ingredient. They were eager to taste them as well and especially enjoyed the jaggery and dried coconut. During Circle Time they learnt about why and how Makara Sankranthi is celebrated in different parts of the country. Children were also shown a beautiful display of a village scene in school. They were fascinated by the display and would often gather at the display and talk to each other about it this month. Finally, children enjoyed learning how to fly kites this month. They were thrilled to see the kites soar in the sky and feel the tug and tension in the string.



Tasting dried coconut



Watching how Ellu Bella is prepared



Relishing Ellu Bella





Teamwork!



Masti



Is it really flying that high?



Shall I tug at the string?





Observing the village scene

**Republic Day celebrations** : - Children of TG, PG and KG enjoyed celebrating our 76th Republic Day on Sat, 25 Jan. Children first gathered for the flag unfurling and the singing of the national anthem. Next they put up beautiful performances - singing, dancing and theater - in front of all their friends and educators. They had practiced for many days and had put in a lot of effort. All the children were confident, articulate and graceful.



Ready for Republic Day



Unfurling of the Indian flag



Standing in attention for Jana Gana Mana



हम हिन्दुस्तानी !



हम होंगे कामयाब



Dancing to their own tune



Waving the flag of peace





In unison



"My name is Benjamin. I am from Panjim..."



Speech on Mahatma Gandhi (by Sri Sai Raynav Vankayala, KG2)



Skit on duties and responsibilities



Speech on Rani Laxmi Bai (by Avni Sreegesh, KG1)



"Enter to learn, go forth to serve"



Unity in diversity



ऐसा देस है मेरा



Dancing with grace



## Curriculum

**PLS - Watering Plants :** - TG children enjoyed watering plants this month. They also learnt to carry a bowl of water without spilling.



**PLS - Stacking books :** - PG children have learnt to stack books according to size from biggest to smallest this month. The look of unbridled pride and joy on their faces when they accomplish the task is truly a delightful sight to see.



**Sensorial - Egg Shakers activity :** - TG children enhanced their auditory sense this month by working with egg shakers. Children were extremely amused to hear the beautiful sound made by the eggs when they shook them. They were keen to keep doing it and enjoyed the activity thoroughly.



**Sensorial - Matching grains :** - Children of PG continued their work in matching grains this month and did so with great accuracy. Their handling of the materials too, has improved a lot and they are keen to practice this activity any chance they get.





**Sensorial - Tactile Fabric :** - PG children enjoyed the activity of touching tactile fabrics. They closed their eyes with utmost sincerity and tried their best to feel and recognise each fabric. Through this activity they enhanced and refined their tactile sense.



**Khari Kamai :** - Children of PG and KG together earned close to Rs 3000 this Christmas. Their earnings as well as our organisational contribution were donated to the Akshaya Patra organisation this month. This money will be used to provide midday meals for three children for an entire year as well as provide three children with steel plates and cutlery.

The Akshaya Patra organisation is a Bengaluru-based nationwide NGO. It is the world's largest private midday meal provider and provides as many as 2.2 million midday meals daily to children across the country.

PG and KG children were made aware of the midday meal programme and how their earnings will be very beneficial for the children who often do not have access to even one hot meal in a day. They watched a short video of the impressively automated Akshaya Patra kitchen and saw how the food (sambar, rice, roti, etc) is prepared keeping in mind the best hygiene standards.

Children had many questions about why these children need a midday meal and why they don't get food from home. They also discussed how one is unable to concentrate and learn when one is hungry.

A few Children from PG and KG, who put in extraordinary efforts in Khari Kamai, thereby showing tremendous perseverance and dedication, also received special badges and Happygrams in School.







**GMS - Jumping** : - Children of PG enjoyed the activity of jumping this month. They were thrilled to jump as high as they could and in the process, they strengthened their leg muscles, core and body balance.



**GMS - Throwing ball overhead** : - Children of KG enjoyed the GMS activity of throwing the ball overhead this month. When one child was throwing the ball, others cheered from the sidelines. This resulted in learning for the children not just in terms of GMS, but also in terms of socio-emotional skills because they learnt to support each other and understand that even a little cheering can be very encouraging for another.







**Making towers :** - TG children worked with soft blocks this month to make tall towers. It required tremendous patience and concentration from the little ones. It was also wonderful to see children working together and



**Block Room :** - Children have been preparing for Block Room Day since the past many days and are enjoying working with the Block Room materials everyday. Here are some glimpses of what they are making.



Cityscape



Work with dominoes



Utmost concentration

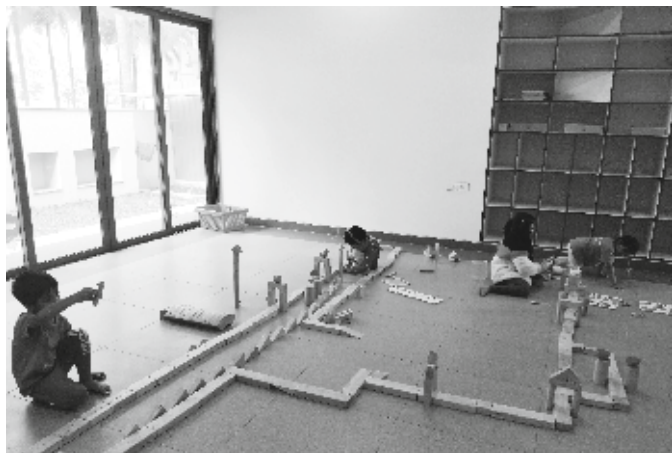




Build and enjoy



Nautical builder



Little urban planners



L Angle

**Farming** : - Children of PG and KG have been growing ladies finger this month. Gradually they have begun harvesting them and taking them home. If a ladies finger is unfortunately overgrown and is unsuitable for eating, they let it dry and use it for an art activity - stamping using bhindi. Children have also been taking home the mint grown in the school and have enjoyed smelling the fresh, minty smell from its leaves.





**Art** : - TG children had a great time this month painting with sponges. They loved to watch the impressions made by the sponge and were keen to try sponge painting with many different paints.



**Claywork** : - Toddler Group children have loved working with clay this month, making round balls out of clay. This is not only a great claywork activity but also a very beneficial fine motor skills activity.







**Claywork** : - Children of PG enjoyed making jalebis by coiling clay this month. This was a great fine motor skills activity and required great dexterity and nimbleness from the little ones.



### Professional Development

**Professional Development - Session with Vardan Kabra** :- Educators of Eklavya Early Years attended a special session with Vardan Kabra, Co-Founder and Head at School of Fountainhead School, Surat. Fountainhead School is nationally renowned for its innovative IB curriculum and teaching methodologies. Vardan Kabra discussed with us about how we need to rethink education from a 21st century context, prioritising self-learning, skill development and real-world application. He helped us realize how there are so many things that we have learnt in school whose real-world application we know nothing about. His session was both insightful and provocative, making us all rethink our preconceived notions.



### EEY Outreach

**EEY Outreach** : - Eklavya Early Years invited children aged 2-6 for two fun-filled events this month on 11 Jan and 25 Jan. Children enjoyed watching science experiments, doing art activities like spray painting and lots of rhymes and finger play songs.

