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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Holidays

25 Dec to 1 Jan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parents' Workshop Dates: 7 December, Sat 10am – 11am

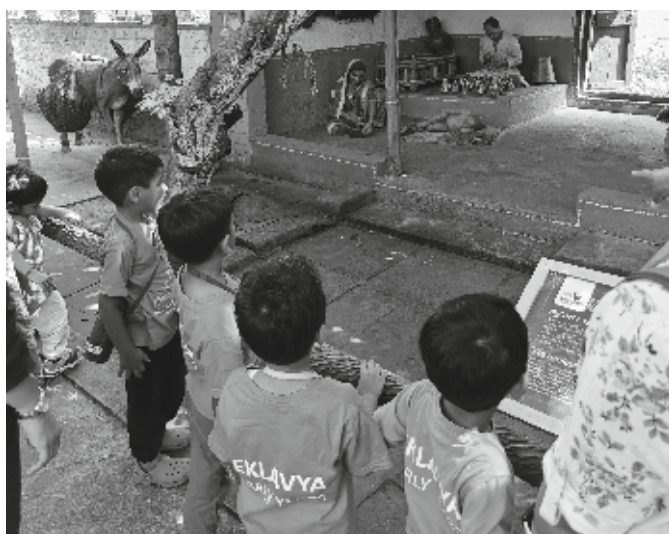
Field Visits

Hebbal Fire Station : Children of PG and KG visited the Hebbal Fire Station. They were excited to see the fire engine, the Agni motorbike and the various equipment of the firefighters such as the long ladders, hose pipes and shoes. When they heard the siren of the fire truck, they squealed in delight and cheered happily when the firefighters showed them a demonstration of how the water is sprayed in various ways in order to put out the fire.



Model Village : On 8 Nov, PG and KG children went for a field visit to Model Village. Model Village depicts the different aspects and communities of rural Karnataka. The children saw large installations depicting potters, weavers, cobblers, goldsmiths, blacksmiths, farmers and so on. They also saw many traditional tools such as the potter's wheel, stone spice grinder, stone flour grinder, etc. The visit enriched the children's vocabulary and helped them understand a daily routine different from their urban life.





Important Celebrations

4 Nov, Karnataka Rajyotsava Celebration : We celebrated Karnataka Rajyotsava, the formation day of our state, by hoisting the Karnataka flag, singing the Karnataka anthem Jay Bharata Jananiya Tanujate, and learning more about the state.

Children observed the Karnataka map and saw pictures of important culinary dishes from various parts of Karnataka. They also learnt why Karnataka Rajyotsava is celebrated during Circle Time. Children wore yellow and red clothes and also enjoyed the yellow and red decorations in the classrooms and in their campus. They also learnt the colours of the Karnataka flag.

Finally, they watched the educators preparing Kadale Usli, a healthy snack in Karnataka. Children relished the Kadle Usli and enjoyed celebrating Karnataka Rajyotsava.



Washing the chana for Kadale Usli



Painting it red for the Karnataka flag



Observing the soaked chana



Smelling and observing the ingredients of Kadale Usli



It's time to start cooking



Learning about the delicious food of Karnataka

13 Nov, Yellow/Purple Day : Children of PG celebrated Yellow Day while KG students celebrated Purple Day on 28 August. Children came to school wearing yellow or purple and in their respective classrooms collected all things that were yellow or purple. PG children also sang a yellow song' and enjoyed painting a bird yellow. KG children observed different kinds of purple vegetables and objects, and then enjoyed hand painting with purple. After a lot of trial and error, the children figured out which two colours when mixed produce purple.





14 Nov, Drawing Day, Children's Day, Eklavya Early Years Foundation Day : On 14 Nov, children enjoyed a wonderful day full of many different activities. First they began with learning about their Eklavya Early Years and the mythological story of Eklavya that inspired the philosophy of Eklavya Early Years. Then they enjoyed drawing in the lawn in the shade of the coconut trees while listening to beautiful lilted Western classical music. Later they began their energetic and exciting Children's Day activities - from Sensory Path and Messy Painting, to Gross Motor Skills Path and Treasure Hunt! We were so glad to see our children enjoying themselves to the fullest.



Do you want to see my drawing?



Colourful discussions



Look at this beautiful mess!



Let's get messy



A beautiful artistic morning



Exploring different tools to paint



Ma'am, look at my hands! :)



Let's move!



Learning about our school



Visual stimulation



Relishing the feel of paint



Deep in concentration



"Oooh, the stones feel hard under my feet."



Enjoying the squishiness of mud

15 Nov, Guru Nanak Jayanti : Children of PG and KG learnt about the Founder of Sikhism, Guru Nanakji. They not only learnt about his life and childhood but also about how he valued service and generosity above all else.



Curriculum

Block Room : Glimpses of our little ones enjoying the Block Room this month. The diversity in their picks of materials and the commitment with which they work on it, is truly commendable.



Cognitive Skills - Rolling a spool : As part of their curriculum, TG children are learning to roll and run to catch the spool. Initially, children try to roll it on its smaller side, realizing after some time that it rolls only on its wider side. Once they learnt how to roll it, the teacher rolled it and the children ran to catch it. This activity fits into what Piaget called the 'rotation schema' which children of this age group are experiencing right now.



Cognitive Skills - 2 piece puzzles : Children of TG began working with two-piece puzzles this month to enhance their cognitive skills. The objective of the 2 piece puzzles is not only to find and match the two pieces but also to initiate a conversation with the children about the picture they've created, thus enhancing their language skills as well.



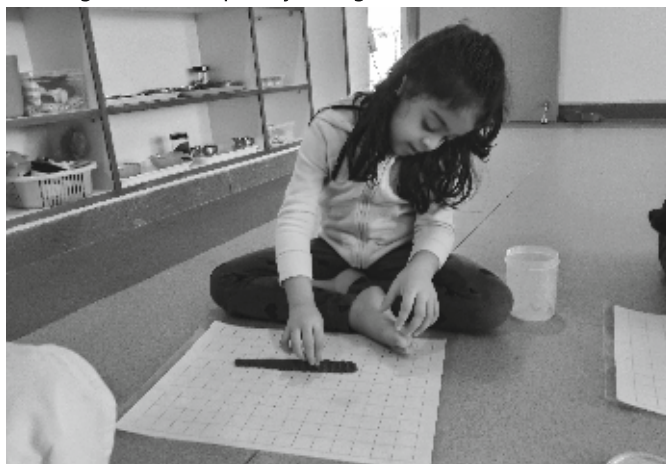
Farming : This month, children have poured their hearts into growing lady's finger and were thrilled to see the little yellow flowers turn into tiny lady's fingers.



FMS - Metal Insets : Children of KG 1 continued their exploration of the Metal insets, this time adding patterns to the shapes they had drawn. They were eager to beautify their shapes as creatively as possible and happy to see and appreciate their friends' work as well.



FMS - Pinching clay : Children of KG learnt how to pinch clay in order to improve their pincer grip. Since the clay was a little tough, a lot of pressure was needed to be applied by the children in order to pinch it. This ensured that their thumb and forefinger were adequately strengthened.



Retrieving the ball : Children of TG practiced their fine motor skills by retrieving the ball from a colander with tight strings tied around it to create a kind of maze. The process of pushing their hand through the strings to grip the ball and pull it out helped them to strengthen and enhance their finger and palm muscles.



Kar Seva : Children of TG, PG and KG have been doing Kar Seva once a week this month. Kar Seva means 'service with your hands'. During Kar Seva, children pick up dry leaves from the lawn as an act of service for keeping their environment clean. This teaches them not only dignity of labour but also that offering service to others should be an important part of their lives as they grow older.



GMS - Matchstick figures : Children of KG played a fun Gross Motor Skills game where they had to imitate the unusual and tricky body positions of printed matchstick figures. This game tested their ability to balance their body as well as contort it. Children thoroughly enjoyed doing this activity.



Outdoor Free Play : TG children have been enjoying Outdoor Free Play, especially in the sandpit every morning. Their play is gradually becoming more collaborative and interactive with them working together to create interesting objects out of sand.



PLS - Washing Utensils : Children of PG and KG learnt washing utensils - steel plate, bowl and spoon this month. They did so diligently and carefully, making sure that the utensils were spic and span. The circular motion of their hands also improved their fine motor skills.



Practical Life Skills Brushing Teeth : Children of PG and KG learnt how to brush their teeth and rinse their mouth this month. They practiced it several times and were very eager to do it with their friends under the guidance of their Class Teacher.



PLS - Combing Hair : KG children learnt how to comb their hair this month. They first observed the teacher combing a volunteer child's hair, noticing in particular how she parts the hair and untangles it. Then they stood in front of a mirror and slowly combed their own hair. Children were thrilled to do this activity and felt a great sense of accomplishment.



PLS - Folding T-shirt : Children of KG learnt how to fold their T-shirts this month. They did this activity meticulously and with great interest.



PLS - Wearing Socks : Children of KG practiced wearing socks this month. They were very enthusiastic and felt such a great sense of pride in themselves when they were able to wear their socks well.



Grace & Courtesy - Passing the ball : Children of PG did a GMS circle time activity that also improved their grace and courtesy skills. As they passed the ball to each in a circle, they learnt not to hound the ball with them, maintain the flow and continuity and ensure that the way they give and receive the ball is done gracefully and beautifully.



Math - Seguin Boards and Coloured Beads : Children of KG continued their exploration of numbers and the relationship between quantities and symbols through the use of the Seguin Boards and the Coloured Beads. The Seguin Boards offer several benefits such as a concrete understanding of numerical concepts, and opportunities to engage both the visual and tactile senses in learning about numbers so that there is a seamless transition between the concrete to abstract mathematical thinking. They also empower the child to enhance their understanding of numbers independently as once the child understands how to use the material, she may work with it as often and as independently as she wishes. The coloured bead bars also support the benefits of the Seguin board as they too stimulate both visual and tactile memory. The colour coding especially helps the child make multiple connections between the colour, the quantity and the number such that the learning becomes even more concrete in the child's mind.



Sensorial - Secondary Colour Tablets : Children of KG worked with the Secondary Colour Tablets this month, learning not just to match two colours, but also match the colours to a series of flash cards. The flash cards were of different objects such as flowers, vegetables, etc. Sometimes the matching was easy as the object in the flash cards had a clear single colour, but sometimes the flash cards required children to ponder over it and discuss it because either there were multiple colours in the flower or the colour of the object was an in-between shade between two colours. It was wonderful to see children discussing and deliberating amongst themselves independently.



Sensorial Geo Cabinet : Children of KG have been practicing the Geo Cabinet this month and have enjoyed the process of matching the inset to the shape cards. One can see their spatial intelligence improving as the speed and accuracy with which they match increases.



Taste Activity : Children of KG tasted bitter gourd juice, sugar, lemon juice and salt in order to differentiate between the various primary tastes. They were very excited to try all the items and were keen to also extract the bitter gourd juice by pounding it. The faces they made when they tasted the sourness and bitterness were a delight to watch.





Storytelling : Children of TG, PG and KG have been listening to numerous stories this month using both books and visual and tactile aids such as puppets. The storytelling sessions not only enhance the children's language abilities but also their emotional intelligence, imagination and creativity, cultural awareness, and concentration and focus.



EEY Outreach

16 Nov, Children's Day event : Eklavya Early Years conducted an energetic, stimulating and exciting Children's Day Event with activities such as Messy Painting, Sensory Path, Gross Motor Skills Path and Treasure Hunt. The energy, joy and excitement of the children pervaded every inch of the campus.





30 Nov, Little Explorers Event : On 30 Nov, we invited children aged 2-6 for a special 'Little Explorers' event. Children worked with our innovative wooden blocks, did marble painting, did science experiments and much more.

