



**EKYA  
SCHOOL  
JP NAGAR**

# THE BULLETIN

## 2024





## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

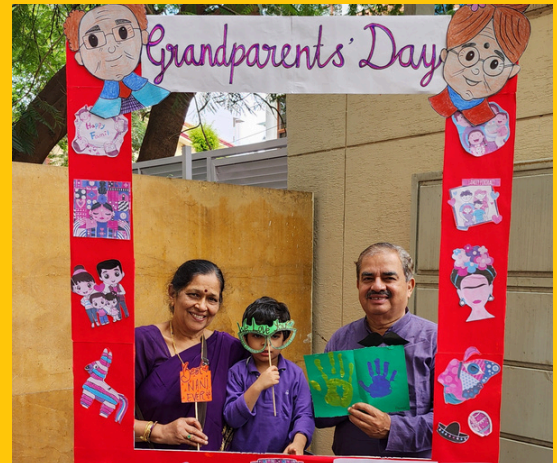
### Teachers' Day

Students from Ekya JP Nagar pulled off a wonderful surprise to celebrate Teachers' Day in a memorable way. The day was brimming with lively performances, featuring captivating dances and beautiful songs, along with fun games that kept everyone entertained. Their heartfelt efforts transformed the occasion into a truly special experience for all the teachers. The enthusiasm and creativity displayed by the students showcased their appreciation and gratitude, making the celebration not only enjoyable but also meaningful. This thoughtful tribute left a lasting impression, ensuring that Teacher's Day was celebrated in style and filled with joy. The collaborative spirit and dedication of the students turned the event into a delightful tribute, reinforcing the strong bond between teachers and their students. Overall, it was a day filled with happiness and camaraderie, highlighting the importance of teachers in shaping young minds.



## Grandparents' Day

The Grandparents' Day event was a heartwarming celebration of family connections and creativity. The festivities kicked off with children serenading their grandparents, setting a joyful atmosphere for the day. A standout moment occurred when a grandmother shared a Japanese rhyme, introducing a delightful cultural element that enriched the experience for everyone. Engaging games like Passing the ball and Antakshari encouraged lively participation and fostered connection among generations.



A particularly touching highlight was the hand-printing activity, where grandchildren collaborated with their grandparents to create lasting keepsakes. To cap off the event, a photo booth provided families with the perfect opportunity to capture the day's joyful moments. Overall, the celebration beautifully honoured the bond between grandparents and grandchildren, making it a memorable occasion for all involved.



Hruti vik and Kalvi  
 help me and  
 always give me  
 company. They  
 also help me a  
 lot  
 -CHIRAG S

I affirm Prajanga  
 and Linana as the  
 class representative  
 who kept me all  
 quite and made  
 us play some  
 custom games  
 like hang man and  
 X O X  
 NISHKA

I affirm ~~Krish~~  
 for writing diary  
 note without  
 tions.

I Affirm the whole  
 class for doing all  
 their pending work  
 during the Substitution

## CULTURE AT CAMPUS

### Classroom affirmations

Classroom affirmations play a vital role at Ekya Schools, fostering a positive and supportive environment. By regularly acknowledging and affirming positive behaviours, thoughts, actions, and work, we help students cultivate a mindset geared towards success. These affirmations not only enhance individual growth but also encourage connection and trust among students, promoting engagement and contributing to a vibrant classroom culture. Both verbal and written affirmations are utilized, with affirmation boards present in every classroom. Students and Teachers use sticky notes to share their written affirmations, making it a dynamic and interactive process. This practice not only boosts morale but also reinforces the values we uphold, creating a nurturing space where all students can thrive. Through these affirmations, we aim to empower our students and help them develop the essential skills needed for their journey ahead.

I affirm my mother  
 and father for helping  
 me to complete my  
 Hindi homework.  
 -Ruhanika Mehra  
 3C

I affirm Lakshana for  
 helping me complete  
 my incomplete work.  
 Ananya Singhal III-C





## LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

### Dussehra Trips

This Dussehra break, our students embarked on thrilling journeys to two very different yet equally exciting destinations: Rocksport and Auroville!

The Rocksport adventure was all about pushing limits, embracing challenges, and parent-child bonding through action-packed activities. From rappelling down rocky cliffs to navigating through obstacle courses, our students showed incredible teamwork and resilience. Whether it was the thrill of ziplining or the fun of campfire storytelling, the trip was a perfect blend of adventure and learning in the great outdoors!

Meanwhile, our senior school students headed to Auroville, where they immersed themselves in the community's unique lifestyle, focused on sustainable living and mindfulness. The students engaged in workshops on eco-friendly practices and connected deeply with the spirit of Auroville's philosophy of unity and peace. It wasn't just a trip, but an opportunity to reflect on how we can contribute to a better world. Both trips were enriching experiences, offering our students fresh perspectives on adventure, nature, and community living. It's safe to say that everyone returned with unforgettable memories and a renewed sense of curiosity and inspiration!



## Leadership Bootcamp Cohort 2024

Ekya Schools Leadership Bootcamp 2024, held on 13th September at Ekya Nava brought together student council members from all campuses to enhance their leadership skills and instill core values aligned with the school's mission. The event aimed to foster a culture of ethical leadership, collaboration, and resilience while equipping the students with the necessary tools to lead their peers effectively. The Leadership Bootcamp envisioned empowering our student leaders to embody ethical leadership, foster collaboration, and lead with empathy and integrity. Students enjoyed the hands-on approach, engaging exercises, and collaborative projects that made learning fun and impactful. The enthusiasm and participation from our student leaders were evident, and they left the bootcamp with new skills and a greater sense of confidence.







## Field Trips

Our Grade 5 students were buzzing with excitement on their recent visit to Bee Global Farms! This field trip gave them a unique glimpse into the fascinating world of bees and sustainable farming practices. The day was filled with hands-on experiences, where students learned about the life cycle of bees, their role in pollination, and the importance of bees in maintaining our ecosystem. They even got to see how honey is harvested and learned about the intricate structure of beehives. The interactive session on organic farming also sparked their interest in eco-friendly agricultural practices. The students were captivated by the buzzing bees and left with a deeper appreciation for these tiny creatures that play such a vital role in our environment. It was a day of learning, curiosity, and fun—one that's sure to stick with them for a long time!

## Wellbeing Initiatives

As exam season is underway, it's crucial to prioritize student wellbeing. This month, our wellbeing department stepped up to offer support through dedicated sessions focused on practical exam tips and managing exam stress. To help students navigate the challenges of exams, we hosted a series of wellbeing sessions. These sessions provided practical advice on how to prepare effectively, manage time, and maintain a positive mindset during this stressful period. Students learned techniques for staying organized and strategies for approaching different types of exams with confidence. In addition to the wellbeing sessions, our team conducted general check-ins with students. These conversations aimed to gauge how students were feeling about their exams. As we continue through this exam season, our commitment to supporting student wellbeing remains strong. By creating a supportive environment, we encouraged students to share their concerns and feelings, helping us understand their individual needs better.



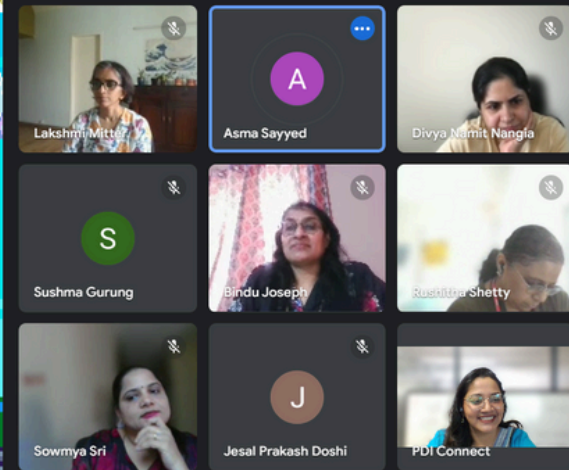
## College and Career Guidance Initiatives

**Job Shadowing:** Students were excited about the job shadowing experience. They found the hands-on experience of understanding organizational work culture fruitful. They gained insight on the importance of networking and communication. The host professionals greatly appreciated the enthusiasm and eagerness demonstrated by the young learners.

**Webinars:** The webinars on “**Think outside the box: Unleash your potential in the design industry**” and “**Mind matters: Understand the fascinating world of psychology and its career paths**” were a resounding success. Held on September 28th for parents and students across all campuses, these informative sessions provided valuable insights into the exciting fields of design and psychology.

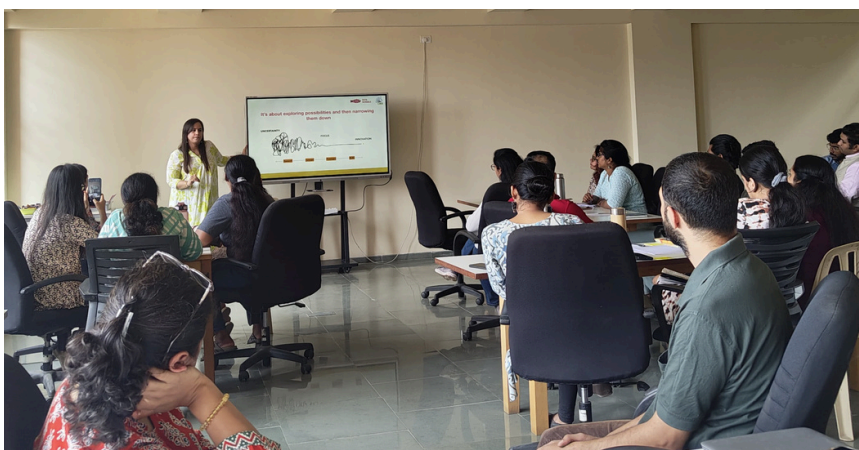
Attendees were captivated by the engaging presentations and the opportunities to explore potential career paths in these dynamic industries. These initiatives are part of our ongoing commitment to providing comprehensive support and guidance to our students, helping them navigate their academic journeys and prepare for successful careers. The CCG department will continue to offer a range of activities and resources to ensure our students are well-equipped to achieve their aspirations.



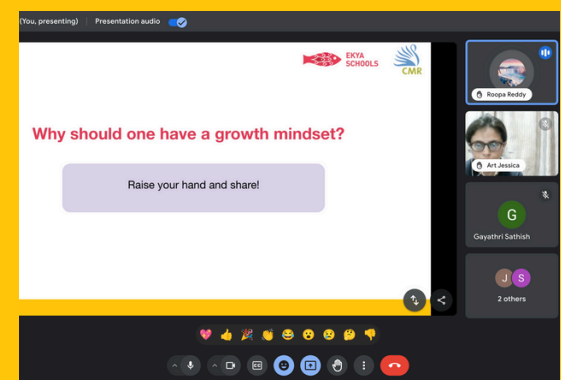
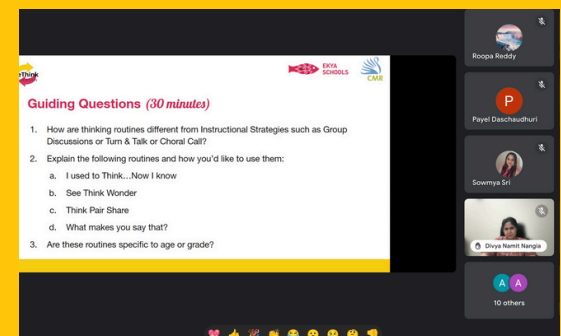


## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We began September with a training session for our coordinators on Stakeholder and Parent Engagement, followed by Learning Area Touchpoints with our educators and a Design Thinking workshop for central team members. Our Head of Schools also gathered to discuss strategies for working with multiple stakeholders. As part of our ongoing commitment to providing learning opportunities for educators, school leaders, and systems, the [Ekya Professional Development Institute](#) continues to run workshops and certification programs tailored to the needs of both aspiring and in-service educators.



This month, we successfully wrapped up the fourth cohort of our three-month ReThink Educator Certification Program and conducted various online workshops, including sessions on AI for Teaching, Game-based Learning, and Cultivating a Growth Mindset in the Classroom.



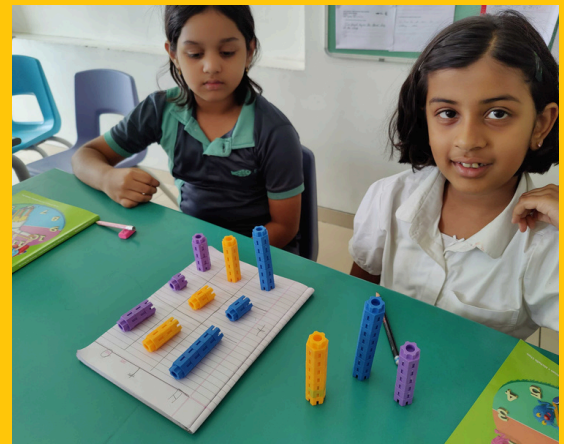




## LEARNING & INSIGHTS

### Mathematics

Ekya Math approaches number sense development with a unique focus on deep understanding and mastery. Its primary objective is to cultivate students' intuitive grasp of numbers and their relationships, enabling flexible mathematical thinking and efficient problem-solving.



The curriculum is carefully sequenced, with each concept building upon previously learnt ones, ensuring a progressive and cohesive development of number sense. This approach aims to create a solid foundation for advanced mathematical thinking and improved problem-solving skills.



## STUDENT EDGE

### A man called Ove

"A Man Called Ove" is a heartwarming and emotional novel about an elderly widower named Ove. Ove, a curmudgeon by nature, has a rigid view of the world and struggles to find purpose in his life after the loss of his beloved wife, Sonja.

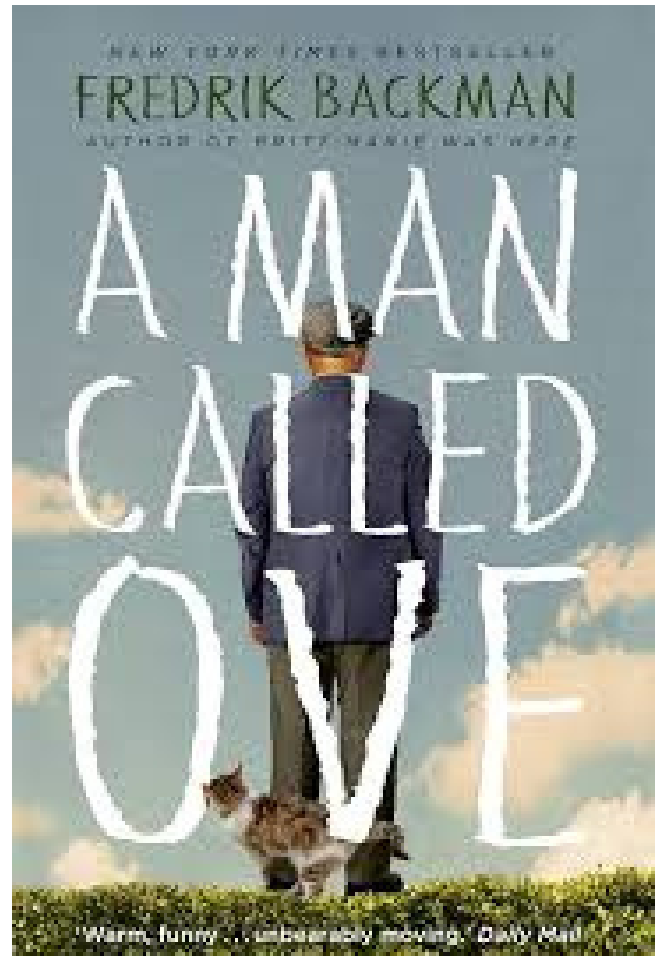
His daily routine involves checking for rules that people around him might be breaking and then scolding them for it. At the beginning of the story, Ove is at a point where he believes life is meaningless and repeatedly attempts to end his own life. He is lonely, depressed, and feels that he has nothing left to live for.

However, Ove's life takes an unexpected turn when he meets his new neighbors: a chatty and very pregnant woman named Parvaneh, her husband Patrick, and their two young daughters. Despite his initial irritation with them, their persistence gradually wears down his walls.

Through a series of amusing and touching encounters, Ove reluctantly gets drawn into their lives. Along with a few other quirky neighbors, he soon finds himself surrounded by a group of unlikely friends who not only bring joy and warmth into his life but also help him rediscover a sense of purpose and belonging.

As Ove helps his neighbors in various ways, he slowly starts to open up, revealing the deep love he had for Sonja and the pain he has carried with him since her passing. His interactions with his neighbors and their kindness towards him help him to see life in a new light. He gradually becomes more accepting, understanding, and even optimistic. He finds a second family in the very people he initially scorned and comes to realize that, even though Sonja is gone, life can still hold beauty and love.

The story ends on a bittersweet note with Ove's funeral. Despite his gruff exterior, his neighbors have come to love him, and they mourn his loss deeply. This ending left me with a sense of empathy and reminded me never to judge people too quickly. Everyone has their struggles, and it's essential to approach others with kindness and understanding. "A Man Called Ove" teaches us that it is never too late to change, to open our hearts, and to find joy and meaning in unexpected places.



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# TEACHER BLOG

## Why Teachers and Students Are More Than Just Teachers and Students

When we think of school, the first thing that comes to mind is usually classrooms, textbooks, and exams. But if you think about it, school is so much more than just studying. It's a place where students and teachers build special relationships, and those connections make the whole experience more meaningful.

### Teachers: More Than Just People Who Teach

Yes, teachers teach us various subjects, but they do much more than that. Sometimes, they act like our guides in life. Have you ever had a teacher ask if you're okay when you didn't even say anything? Or help you figure out something that wasn't even related to schoolwork? That's because they care about us, not just as students, but as people. Teachers are there to push us when we need motivation and to support us when things feel tough because they want us to succeed in life.

### Students: More Than Just Learners

From a teacher's point of view, we're more than just kids sitting at desks. They notice when we're doing well, when we're struggling. Teachers often see our potential before we see it ourselves. How many times has a teacher believed in you even when you weren't sure you could do it? Teachers remember students, not just for the grades they get, but for who they are as individuals. Those connections last long after we've moved on to the next grade or school.

### The Classroom: More Than Just a Room for Lessons

The classroom isn't just a place where we learn facts. It's where we make friends, discover what we're good at, and sometimes, what we love. It's where we learn to speak up, work in teams, and even laugh at our mistakes. Think about the inside jokes your class has, or how everyone moans together when a surprise test is announced. Those little moments are what make school feel like a second home. Believe it or not, teachers enjoy those moments too.

### Learning Goes Both Ways

One thing we might not think about is how much teachers learn from students. They notice how creative and curious we are, and sometimes, they get inspired by our questions and ideas. We remind them what it's like to see the world with fresh eyes.

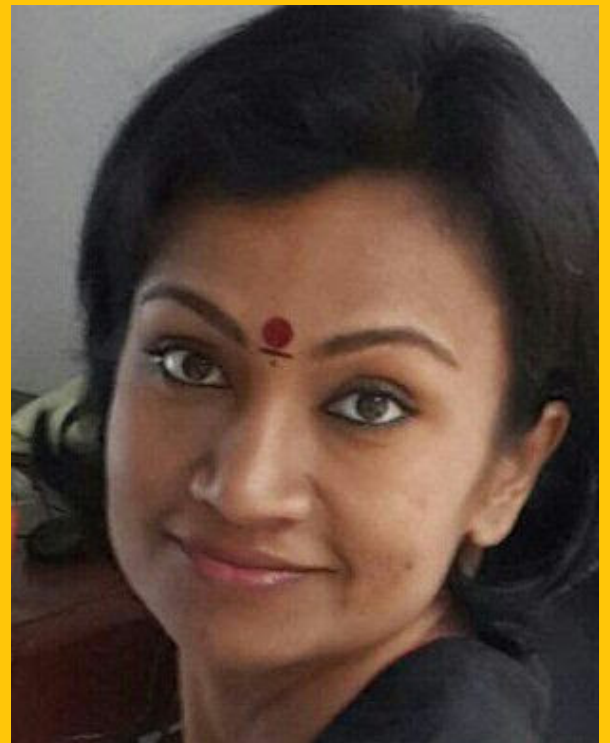
We learn more than just subjects from our teachers. We learn life lessons—like how to handle failure, how to keep trying, and how to be kind. These are lessons that can't be found in any textbook.

### The Small Wins Matter

Let's not forget to celebrate the small wins. Maybe you finally understood a tricky math problem, or maybe you helped a friend with something they were stuck on. Every little step counts and both students and teachers help make those moments happen.

At the end of the day, school isn't just about getting good grades. It's about growing as a person. Teachers and students help each other along the way, and that's what makes school such a special place.

So, the next time you're in class, remember that it's not just about lessons. It's about the relationships we're building and the memories we're making.



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