



JML^oLetter

The official Newsletter of Jasudben ML School and Bloomingdales Pre-Primary



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SPOTLIGHT

Physical Education instructor, **Ms. Deepali Sawant**, has recently received her Ph.D. in Physical Education from the University of Mumbai. This is a significant achievement and a testament to her dedication and hard work. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Ms. Sawant for this outstanding accomplishment!





FOUNDER'S WEEK!

- A week of celebrations dedicated to our founders -



TBA - TENALI BIRBAL ANABHA!

After months of immense hard work, the students of grades VII to XII put up a breathtaking performance of the annual play TBA.

What was your experience like?

"Practising was my favourite part of the year and all those claps

from the audience made all our efforts worthwhile. Nothing could have made me happier than this opportunity that I was given."

-Aaryan Vyas (Birbal)

"I was extremely thrilled on being given this role. It was the first time I was doing such a big role and all the compliments of the audience as well as those of the teachers and my peers truly left me amazed. I am thankful to be given this chance."

-Fatimah Zamindar (Anabha)

"The process of practice was truly enjoyable, and I made a lot of new friends and memories. This opportunity helped me discover my true potential."

-Rishant Asrani (Tenali)





AWESOME TALES

A much awaited and fun filled event for parents and children. All activities were conducted around the theme of PANCHATANTRA Tales. The students of higher classes, teachers and parents of our children created the ambience of a jungle, which was the perfect setting for AWESome Tales. Thank you dear parents !!! Parents and children came dressed in animal costumes. We had indoor and outdoor games, puzzles, a shadow puppet show, dance, and music based on different stories of panchatantra. The frog and the snake, the monkey and crocodile, the hare and the tortoise etc were some of the stories selected for the event.



A POTTER was invited so the children could experience clay pot making. The children gleefully took their self-made clay pots home.



C'EST LA VIE

"C'est La Vie had always been an inter-house event. However this year, we decided to take a huge leap and make it an interschool event. I worked hard along with my fellow chairpersons to make this event a success. Initially, it

was challenging as I realized that executing the idea was not as easy as thinking about it. However, with new lessons learnt, memories made, and friendships built, we finally did it. The event was a huge success and received compliments from all the participants. I am overjoyed with the result of this event, and I hope that this fest continues year after year!"

-Aneri Vyas, Chairperson, C'est La Vie 2022





BEAT OF LIFE



Ludwig van Beethoven once said, "Music can change the world." We, at Jasudben M.L. School strongly resonate with this thought. The students of grades I- IV put up a thematic exhibition on 'Music- The Beat of Life' where they linked music of the world with various academic and co-curricular subjects. Students and teachers worked hard to put up interactive exhibits. The programme ended with mesmerising performances by students and also parents where they showcased the magical integration of music of different countries through dance, singing and aerobics.

PEEK-A-BOOK - Lit Fest



"It was two days after the annual day was over and everyone was exhausted. Little did everyone know that the school had a great surprise for all the students. Some renowned authors and writers came to our school to furnish our students with the lovely books they had written which provided an insight to the students about how wonderful books could be. While that was happening, it seemed that the Hyderabad bazaar had taken a pause in Telangana and had shifted to our school, marked by the variety of stalls and performances in the grounds of our school which was an absolute delight for all the students and parents."

-Darsh Punjwani IX B





MINI BAZAAR

The grounds of JML brimmed with the hustle and bustle of the ecstatic shoppers and stalls as the air filled with the aroma of the scrumptious delicacies, further enlivening the festive atmosphere. Mellifluous notes from the event 'BEATS OF LIFE' resonated across the halls with one and all gleefully tuning into the chorus. The elated students gave us their account of the joyous experience:

"Being a huge foodie, according to me, the food was truly phenomenal. The games were enthralling and enrapturing, they kept my friends and I going until we had finally squandered the remainder of our allowance."

- Hriday Khatiwala VC

"My mother's birthday was just around the corner and I wished to surprise her with a gift. Gratefully, the Mini Bazaar offered me a golden opportunity to bag the perfect gift for her, an intricate crochet bracelet, and an embroidery purse. It was ecstatic to see food stalls which displayed a variety of foodstuff ranging from chocolate glazed cupcakes, to burnt basque cheesecakes."

-Meenal Dedhia VC



JUNGLE BOOK

After months of hardwork and dedication, the students of the primary section put up a marvellous performance of The Jungle Book .

What was the process like?

"I played the part of Mowgli in the play. The rehearsals of the play, however tiring, were fun and really enjoyable."

-Viyaan Rangani (Mowgli)

"I played the role of Sherni Khan in the play. I am really delighted with the role that I have received. It was amazing!"

-Sehar Agarwal (Sherni Khan)

"The rehearsals were really time consuming but the fun that we had just nullified all the pain. This year's annual day's theme was new and interesting. Top notch!"

-Ishaan Bubna (Jo)





BEST OF THIS QUARTER!

CHILDREN'S DAY

Jawaharlal Nehru rightly said, "Children are the nation's future & tomorrow's citizens." Children's day is celebrated every year on the 14th of November to commemorate the birthday of Jawaharlal Nehru. Our school celebrated Children's Day this year with great splendour.

The students of Bloomingdales Pre-Primary and Primary came dressed up in casual clothes. **Pre-Primary Children** were provided information on

Pandit Nehru and its relevance to Children's Day. The students had a wonderful time, they were treated to a special shadow puppet show that captivated their attention. In addition, they enjoyed watching the classic cartoon Tom & Jerry and they also had the opportunity to dance and play games in the Dens. They were also served yummy snacks.



Primary students watched a movie and enjoyed a muffin party in class. In the auditorium, they were excited to see their teachers in pigtailed put up spectacular dance performances for them. The staff and students danced their hearts out to popular, upbeat songs. Pre-primary and Primary students also got to jump their hearts out in the huge bouncy castles and take a joy ride in the toy train installed on the school premises. Children's Day celebration in school is sure to be a memorable one.





Here is what some of our senior students had to say about the celebrations:

What part was your favourite?

"The best part of the day had to be the bouncy house and the toy train."

-Ayaan Mehta VIIB

"It was the most unexpected, but pleasant surprise when we were taken to watch ' Black Panther: Wakanda Forever '. The day couldn't get any better than going to a movie and having a blast with our friends."

- Rasikeshwari Seksaria ISC Hum



TALK WITH NAMRATA SENGUPTA



"Recently, Namrata Sengupta, trained scientist, science communicator, career coach, and advocate for equity in health and STEM, connected with the students of our school virtually. It was an edifying online meet where she enlightened the students and solved their problems pertaining to the science sector, in which she, as a scientist, excelled in. Kudos to her, for she paved the path for a brighter future for our students by illuminating them about the scope of jobs in science and how one, as an individual can build their aptitude."

-Aarav Gupta IXC



SPOOKTACULAR PARTY!

The Pre-primary children were brimming with excitement as they arrived at school, dressed in spooky Halloween costumes and eerie makeup. They enjoyed sharing their Halloween party experience with the teachers. They were shown an audio-visual story on Halloween. An art activity was also conducted.



TECHNOVATION



"There were a lot of dance performances, and other performances related to computer science. Students were helping out with each step. They called a tech guy who made AI and neural networks and had his

company, alumni the respective houses worked diligently and efficiently to train the students to put up a spectacular performance on stage. Winning and losing apart, the students received great exposure and learnt various skills such as teamwork, coordination, and dramatic nuances."

-Divya Madhavan - IX C

OUTSTANDING LEADER

"I am honored to receive this award, but the real credit goes to the students who inspire me to innovate and strive for excellence every day. As educators, our ultimate goal is to make a positive impact on their lives and equip them with the skills they need to succeed in the future. I am proud to be part of a community that values education and invests in the potential of our young people."



-Neha Srivastava, Primary Head





SANTA SURPRISE!



Pre-Primary children love the festival of Christmas. They started singing Christmas a few days before the festival. For the school Christmas party students came dressed up in colourful Santa and elf costumes with a beard, reindeer head gear or a Santa hat. Along with activities like art, dance, music, games they

enjoyed watching the movie 'SANTA'S TOY FACTORY'. Santa and his elf came to meet the students and distributed chocolates.

Students of the **Primary section** were pleasantly surprised when Santa visited and gave them poster colours this year in school during the Christmas celebration conducted on 23rd December. The students were dressed in Christmas colours to set them in the festive mood. Some grades conducted a secret Santa and the students really enjoyed the same. Some grades made festive Christmas decorations. The day ended with a Christmas party conducted by each class teacher.



Middle school children had this to say about the festivities:

What was your experience in the event? What surprises were in store for you?

"I found it to be an exhilarating experience brimming with vigour and zeal. It was very pleasing to hear Christmas Carols sung by grade VIII students. The idea of a Christmas party was rejoicing and entertaining."

-Aarya Shah VIIB

"Celebrating Christmas with friends and teachers was a wonderful way to begin the Christmas holidays. Clad in festive apparel, we spent the day in euphoria, watching movies, and playing songs. Overall, it was an extremely fun day, and we had a blast!"

-Aariana Ghanshani VIIB





CYNOSURE

On the 20th of November, the sun was rising along with the hopes of the J.M.L. students as they departed for St. Gregorios High School, Chembur. It was a combined fest consisting of a number of competitions in various fields such as performing arts, literary arts, sports and commerce events.



Which event did you participate in?

'Build My Rep'

-Aaryan Vyas IX C

Could you please elaborate what the event was all about?

"It was a commerce event where problems were given about real life collapses of industrial economies due to some unforeseen events and we had to find a solution to the problems by researching and presenting an answer. Overall, it was a great and experiential event and we even stood third place."

-Darsh Punjwani IX B

Do you think people should participate in such events?

"Yes. It's always a great experience which involves real life problems and helps to counter public or stage fright."

- Aaryan Vyas IX C

OUTSTATION EXPOSURE



"Some memorable highlights were the Snow World, Lumbini Park, and Ramoji Film City where we learnt a lot of new things. The experience of staying with friends and fun-filled bus rides was truly enjoyable."

-Anshi Vyas VI C

"We explored the breathtaking Mysore Palace, which towered over the city's skyline, as well as the vast Mysore Zoo, home to various species. The local tour guides told us stories of the kings who once inhabited the palaces, leaving us spellbound."

-Roma Khemani VII A





"We went to the city of lakes – Udaipur where we visited Saheliyon Ki Bari, the City Palace Museum and The Chittorgarh Fort. The puppet show amused us all and we all thoroughly enjoyed the DJ night."

-Aaryaveer Gulati VIII A

"Sightseeing at palaces and forts in Jodhpur and Jaisalmer gave us a chance to take a glimpse of life back in time. The four-day long trip enlightened us with historic information and allowed us to enjoy ourselves with our friends and teachers."

-Aarav Gupta IX C



"We visited Keshav Shrishti where we were shown a solar cooker, introduced to many plants and trees, and learned about Wormiculture and recycling of plastic. At the Sun beach resort, we helped clean the surroundings, after which we played football, badminton and cards."

**-Roshni Valecha XI
NIOS**

ADIOS AMIGOS

The school days of grade XII passed extremely swiftly, though unnoticed. Initially, I was quite excited to leave school and start my college life, but it was the last week when I actually realized the lifetime experience I was leaving behind.



How does it feel to finally pass out of Grade XII?

"At first I was quite excited to finally be on my own and get a chance to start my own journey as an individual however it later hit me that I might never be able to see these faces again."

-Mahek Nagpal XII Hum



**BACK TO BUSINESS – BOMBAY SCOTTISH**

"It was an exciting experience. However, there was a twist in store for us. We were divided into different teams. So our new team members were people from different schools whom we were meeting for the first time. Working with them enriched the whole experience.

Our main challenge was not only to identify the strength and weaknesses of all our team members within an hour and a half, but also come up with a plan to revive a business which was under losses by creating an advertisement. I was overawed on hearing that my team and I secured the first place. I learnt a lot from this competition and I'm glad that I got this experience!"

-Aneri Vyas ISC Com.

REPUBLIC DAY 2023

"Republic Day is the day when India marks and celebrates the date on which the Constitution of India came into effect on 26 January 1950. Our school to celebrated this historic event by unfurling the flag. We entered the gates with the sound of patriotic music excited to carry on this function. Our respected principal proceeded to unfurl the flag and all members of the council new and old saluting our national flag. We sang the national anthem and voiced out the slogan, "Bharat Mata Ki Jai!"

This was a short, meaningful and memorable event to remind us of the struggles of our freedom fighters and former leaders."



-Leandra D'souza IX B





WORLD SCHOLARS' CUP

World Scholar's Cup, is top rated Inter-School Event, where students from top schools of the world compete for the Scholar's Cup at Yale University. JML team comprised of Vedant Saraf, Cyrus Gilder and myself, Divya Madhavan. Our school won 2 of the rounds of Debate Showcase. Vedant Saraf won a silver medal for receiving the second highest rank in the History section of the test. Our team got a silver medal for ranking 13th in the Scholar's

Bowl. Our team ranked 13th overall and we have qualified for the global round which is taking place across the world from South Korea to London. We are truly ecstatic to have been presented with this golden opportunity and look forward to making the most of it.

BGK ELOCUTION COMPETITION

Students of our school recently participated in the 73rd Annual Interschool English Elocution Competition organised by the Bandra Gymkhana. We are proud to announce that :

Akbar Ali Kurawale won 2nd place in boys' U/8 category.

Yaashavi Purohit won 3rd place in girls' U/8

Ishaan Bubna won 2nd place in the category of boys 8-12 years category.



OUTDOOR ADVENTURES



Field trips are also important for social emotional and cognitive development. The children of pre-primary were taken to places like Juhu beach and Joggers park, Union Park and also Juhu Joggers Park. Children had a chance to travel on the school bus with their friends. They enjoyed various physical activities at the park, playing in the sand with the beach

toy also provided them with a good sensory experience. These field trips gave them a chance to interact, play and explore.



**VISIT TO URBAN ART FESTIVAL**

The Kala Ghoda art festival depicted the use of everyday artefacts used to make something extraordinary and truly mesmerising. It had creations of the past with a view to the future. Its central displays, each was unique and had a story to tell. The urban art festival was based on the theme of pollution as a cause of industrial and economic development within the city. Each creation shows a story between the sea and the city. This is the cause of the rise of curiosity among the visitors. It teaches us how art is not restricted to one medium and can be expressed in any way, using any sort of material.



-Sanaaya Khanna IX B

**LA MARTINIERE - LUCKNOW MUN**

The La Martiniere School, Lucknow, held a remarkable Model UN with students coming from all over India. It gave the students of JML a golden opportunity to compete with students of the highest merit at one of the oldest and most prestigious schools in India. The delegates had much to convey about their marvellous experience.

"I was nervous as the days ticked by 'La Martiniere MUN' only quelled by the the weeks of preparation and research. However, the experience was like no other, debating with the students of high caliber not only put my skills to the test, but rather helped me surpass what I thought to be my best, while gaining exposure to the wonders that La Martiniere had to offer."

-Aylin Sarbatwala VIIC

"Debating in the Georgian edifice of La Martiniere was truly a surreal experience. As I stood in the chandelier illuminated halls of the Lancaster House committee, I witnessed the most enthralling and engrossing debate I had ever seen. The three days spent debating went past in the blink of an eye, leaving in its wake euphoric memories. It was truly an honor to win an award, however, the greater reward was certainly the unforgettable experience I took with me."

-Divya Madhavan IXC





GIZMO GEEKS

Schools from all over Mumbai matched wits on the ground of Podar for the Gizmo Geeks competition.

"I participated in the treasure hunt event for the Gizmo Geeks competition. The chaos and pandemonium of the hunt added to the enthralling tournament, with intellectual questions pertaining to computer science arising at every clue, staying true to the name 'Gizmo Geeks'."



-Jayden D'Mello VIII A

PLAYFUL PUPPETS



A fantastic puppet session was conducted by Mr Frédéric Simon. He is a well known puppeteer who plays with different puppet techniques. He made puppets out of everyday materials like a glove, plastic bag and dupatta. Children were thrilled, excited and they thoroughly enjoyed the act as he made puppets instantly and manipulated them.

GOODBYE KINDERGARTEN!

Graduation is a celebration in which every child feels special and honoured for his/her achievements in Pre Primary. The Principal Mrs Damyanti Bhattacharya, Pre-Primary coordinator Mrs Rashmi Kapadia, Primary coordinator Mrs Neha Srivastava, Coordinator President's Office Mrs Shachi Manik and parents of our children were present for this event. Children dressed in capes and graduation hats were invited on stage to collect their certificates. All the children were then called on stage to sing The 'Bloomingdales Song'. Every child was given a packet of fruit juice as they left for home. What a proud moment for the children and their parents!





SPORTS EVENTS!



BOUNDARY AIMERS

The much awaited Inter house cricket competition was back after three years with a bang. Shubh Gala, one of the zealous students who took part, gave us an account of his experience.

"We did not prepare much this time and met only a few times before the

final game however we had faith and trusted each other so at the back of our head we knew that this would be fun for us. We were quite confident throughout the game and I think it was a key element to the Agastya House's victory. 'Confidence and not overconfidence'. It was a great exposure and amazing experience to learn and understand different techniques."

- Shubh Gala XC

PRIDE AND PASSION MEETS SUCCESS

After staying in the house for many months due to the lockdown, our students were thrilled to finally get back on the tracks.

What was the feeling like, of being back on the tracks?

"We were exhilarated to finally be back and be able participate in the numerous sports events after the lockdown. The march past ceremony that was going to take place on the main day was something we had practiced for weeks and so i was nervous and excited to see the outcome of the teamwork and dedication we put into it."



- Dishita Patel XC

"The lockdown had definitely affected my stamina and it was a bit tough to cope with the speed of my fellow classmates; however, that was something that raised the bar of the competition and added the element excitement."

- Inaya Merchant XA





ONE TEAM ONE DREAM

What was the preparation like?

"Considering the High level of competition since it was the nationals, we made sure to have our eyes fixed on the prize. We put in our blood, sweat and tears and practiced for eight continuous days."

- Inaya Merchant XA

How was the overall experience?

"It was an enlightening opportunity for us as we got a chance to learn about the significance of developing a positive attitude and team spirit. We are certainly overjoyed after this sublime experience."

-Pari Jagawat XC



JUST PUT IT ACROSS!



"With a bang, the service of the first inter school Volleyball match of 2022-2023 was underway. Those 2 years of Covid 19 was a possible reason for the volleyball competition not occurring in full swing and zeal but the competition could not have gotten any more interesting. All the matches of the

tournament were not a one-sided domination but instead a close battle with the tall warriors wanting one high ball to smash their way to success. In the end, it was no surprise that red house reigned their dominance, as they did throughout the year in various inter school competitions. It may not have been as exciting as the other sports competitions; the sports teachers are doing their best to get the best players in hope for a thrilling competition next year."

-Darsh Punjwani - IX B

VALMIKI HOUSE	ARYABHATTA HOUSE	BHASKAR HOUSE





STUDENTS' COUNCIL 2023-24

LEANDRA D'SOUZA

(Head Of Students' Council)

"As I received the news of being appointed the Head of Students' Council, I stood frozen, speechless at the prospect of being a leader to the JMLites brimming with talent and potential. I soon overcame the initial surprise and envisioned the change I had always hoped to make, to aspire to be and lead the school, to establish an atmosphere where one can learn and grow as a person without any hindrance. I advise the budding council members to be authentic and persevere to achieve their aims and ambitions. I look forward to a sanguine 2023."

AARYAN VYAS

(Asst. Head Of Students' Council)

"Seeing the zealous council members all the years I have been part of the school, I too yearned to be part of this prestigious team. When the news was broken to me, I was elated to have achieved the position I have always dreamt of. I would like to express my immense gratitude to my peers and teachers who have been eternally supportive and found me deserving enough for this post, and turning this dream into a reality. As the AHSC, my chief aim is to inculcate in the students a respect for moral values and virtues and guide them to achieve their true potential. Looking forward to a great year!"

STUDENT COUNCIL

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