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solving



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student  
talent, creativity  
& spirit



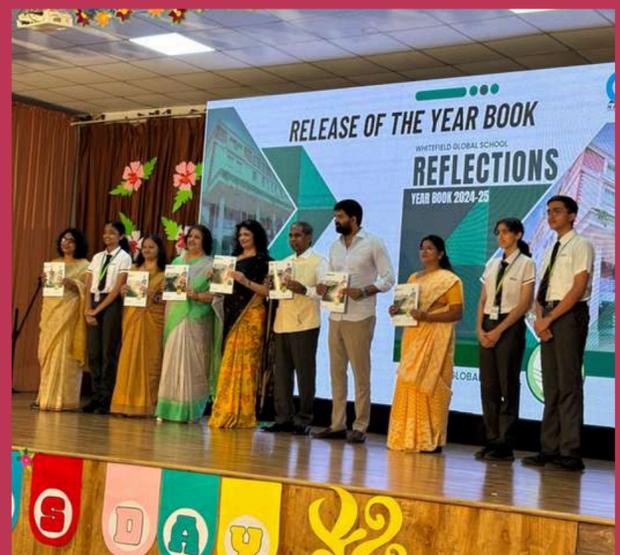
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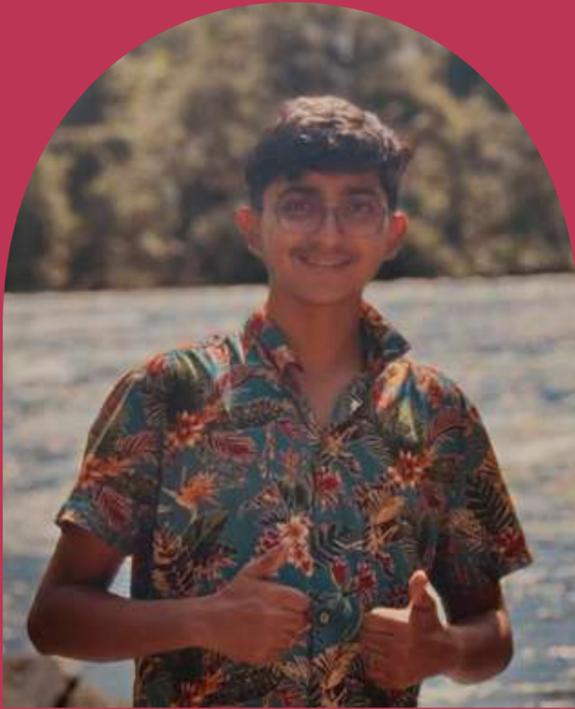
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Founders Day 2025



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Shine Globally with  
100 Golds, 77  
Silvers & 10  
Trophies at WSC  
Doha!



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# Principal's Address

Dear Parents, Students, and Members of the WGS Community,

Warm greetings!

As we bring June and July to a close, I take immense pride in reflecting on the vibrant flurry of activities that have marked the start of our academic year. These past weeks have beautifully captured the spirit of Whitefield Global School – rooted in tradition, yet future-ready in vision.

We began the academic year with Founders Day, a moment of reverence and gratitude for the legacy that continues to guide us. The day reminded us that every tradition we uphold and every milestone we cross stands on the foundation of dedication and vision.

The recently held WGS Model United Nations (WGS MUN) was yet another testament to our commitment to nurturing global citizens.

The level of engagement, diplomacy, and critical thinking demonstrated by our students was inspiring and has set a new benchmark for intellectual discourse at WGS.

The democratic spirit came alive through our School Elections, where students campaigned passionately, addressed their peers with conviction, and stood for values they believed in. This culminated in a powerful Investiture Ceremony, where the newly elected Student Council pledged to lead with integrity and purpose. We look forward to seeing their positive influence across the school community.

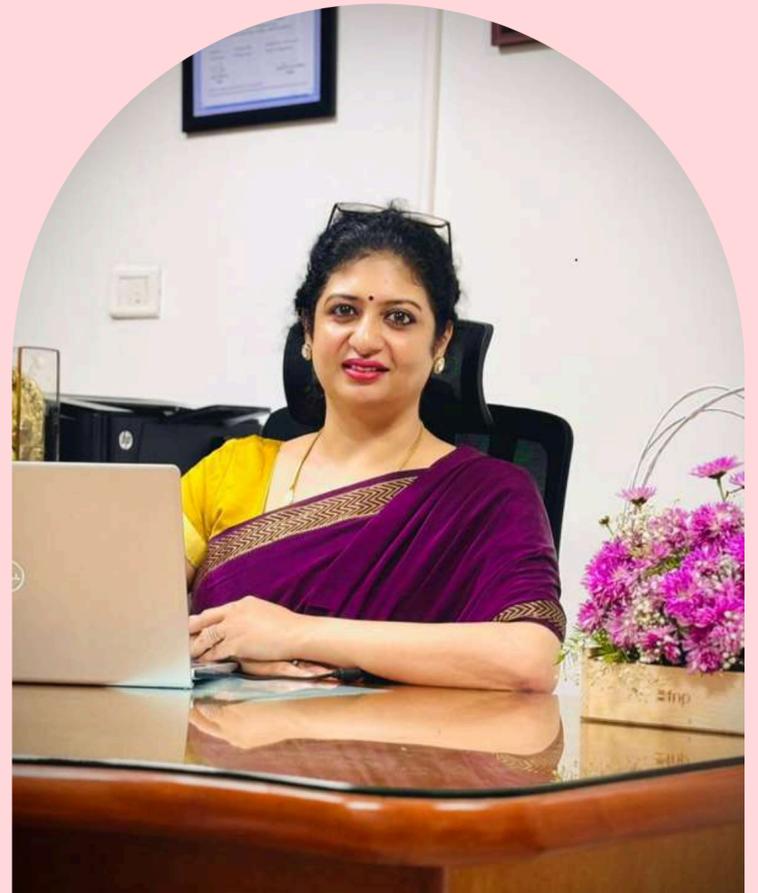
Our flagship interschool event, Wings of Fire, witnessed an explosion of talent, creativity, and camaraderie. From visual arts to tech challenges, from storytelling to debates – the energy was contagious and the participation, heartening.

Amid all the excitement, our students also focused on their academics and preparation for the upcoming pre-mid assessments. We applaud their ability to balance rigour with enthusiasm and curiosity.

We were also proud to launch the first episode of our Parent-Student Podcast Series, "Mind the Gap", an initiative designed to spark meaningful intergenerational conversations on topics relevant to today's learners. We hope this platform evolves into a bridge of empathy, dialogue, and shared growth.

As we look ahead, I invite you to continue walking this journey with us. We encourage you to follow our official social media handles for real-time glimpses into the life of our school, student achievements, and upcoming events. Your engagement means a great deal to us, and together, we can continue to build a vibrant, informed, and inclusive school community.

**With warm regards,**  
**Dr. Sita Shankar**  
**Principal**  
**WGS**



# Editor's Note

Dear Readers,

As we step into the heart of the academic year, the June–July edition of our magazine offers a glimpse into a vibrant start marked by courage, creativity, and connection.

The past two months have been packed with purpose. From the spirited Student Elections and the Investiture Ceremony, to the intellectual challenges of WSC and the thought-provoking discussions at Book Club, our students have truly embodied the spirit of bold leadership and learning.

The WGSMUN '25 conference set a powerful stage for global thinking and diplomacy, while the Guru Samman Award honored the guiding lights of our school—our dedicated educators. Events like Reading Week and Wings of Fire inspired reflection and imagination in every corner of campus.

We also came together to celebrate our planet, well-being, and equity through meaningful assemblies on World Environment Day, Yoga Day, and World Equality Day—moments that reminded us of the values we stand for.

With Founders Day and the WGS Alumni Reunion, we bridged the past and present, honouring the legacy we build upon and the bright paths ahead.

This edition is a celebration of our collective strength—of journeys just begun, hearts full of courage, and dreams that shine bright.

**Warm regards,  
Riya Ann Joby  
Managing Editor  
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# Student Council Elections 2025



Whitefield Global School came alive with passion and purpose as students embraced democracy during the Student Council Elections 2025-26. From inspiring speeches and creative posters to responsible voting, every step reflected leadership in action. Held on June 5th, the elections were marked by fairness, enthusiasm, and full student participation. This wasn't just about winning—it was about vision, courage, and collaboration. Through this experience, students learned the true essence of voice and choice. At WGS, leadership doesn't begin tomorrow—it begins today.



# Honouring Excellence in Education!



Whitefield Global School proudly celebrates the recognition of our outstanding educators at the Guru Samman Award 2024-25, presented by the Bangalore Sahodaya Schools Complex Association on June 4, 2025, at Vidyanjali Academy.

Their dedication, innovation, and impact continue to shape futures. WGS salutes their commitment to education and excellence!



**Congratulations to our WGS stars:**  
**Dr. Sanju Mishra – Language Teachers Category**  
**Mr. Shivaraju K – Activity Warrior**  
**Ms. Shyba Dhar – Champion Educator**  
**Ms. Soumya Balachandran – Operational Star Award**

# World Scholar's Cup



On June 10th, 21 scholars from Whitefield Global School embarked on the second chapter of their WSC journey. We were instructed to report to the airport by 12:30 AM—a rather late hour, but one that proved helpful as the days went on. We landed at Dubai Airport for a short two-hour layover before flying to our final destination—Doha.



The city was extremely humid, with average temperatures soaring to 43°C every day!

After checking into our hotel, we had the exciting opportunity to live with our friends. Day 1 was smooth and helped enhance our communication skills as we interacted with scholars from around the world. This very platform was designed for that purpose—connecting people globally.

# World Scholar's Cup



We participated in several academic events at WSC, including a massive 120-mark test covering six vast subjects: Science & Technology, Literature & Media, Special Area, History, Social Studies, and Art & Music. We also took part in the Scholars Bowl—a clicker-based round where each team used a device to answer questions displayed on the screen.



Debating and writing were among the other engaging events we joyfully participated in. Additionally, we proudly set up a stall at the Cultural Fair, representing our delegation and country. As the Globals came to an end, our delegation celebrated a grand victory—bagging a total of 100 gold medals, 77 silver medals, and 10 trophies to bring back home! The flight back home was silent yet was peaceful since we truly won The Globals!

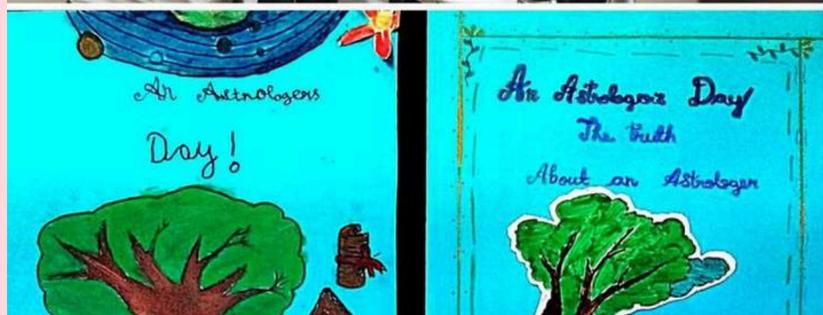
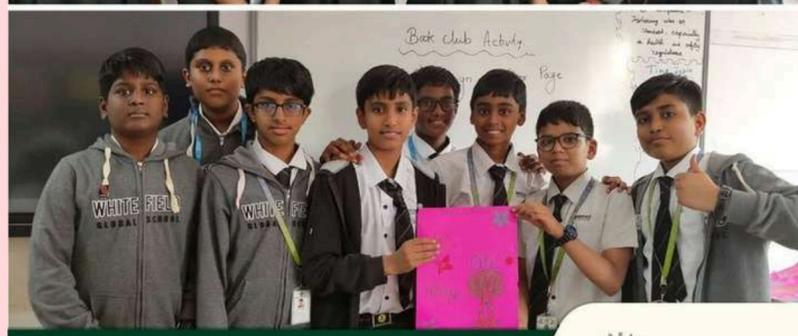
# Book Club: Primary Segment



WGS Book Club was an exciting literary journey for students from Grades 1 to 5, blending imagination, creativity, and meaningful engagement with stories. Grades 1 and 2 explored books through joyful role plays, reflective speaking, writing prompts, sequencing activities, and fun grammar games—building fluency, empathy, and confidence. Upper Primary students designed unique Character Trading Cards, diving deep into the personalities, strengths, and growth of their favorite fictional characters. These activities sparked critical thinking, emotional connection, and collaborative learning. More than just a reading session, the Book Club helped nurture a lifelong love for literature and turned every story into an adventure.



# Book Club: Middle Segment



Students of Grades 6 to 8 explored the rich world of Indian literature as part of our “Local to Global” initiative, engaging with works by R.K. Narayan, Masti Venkatesha Iyengar, and Raja Rao. This thoughtful selection helped students connect with regional narratives and appreciate cultural heritage while preparing to explore global stories.

A Creative Book Cover Design activity encouraged students to translate literary themes into expressive artwork. Their designs showcased originality, insight, and a deep understanding of the texts.

The Book Club continues to nurture curiosity, creativity, and a lifelong love for reading and reflection.

# WGS Alumni Reunion

## 2025

On 28th June 2025, Whitefield Global School hosted its 2nd Annual Alumni Reunion—a heartwarming day filled with nostalgia, laughter, and connection. Alumni from various batches gathered to celebrate their journey and shared memories that continue to bind them.

A special moment was the felicitation of Mr. Vivek Sagar, our outgoing President and newlywed alumnus. We also welcomed the new Alumni Association leaders: Mr. Sreenayan Velpula as President and Ms. Riya Susan Samuel as Secretary.

The event reflected the strength of the WGS bond and the growing mentorship spirit among our alumni. Once a Warrior, always a Warrior!





# READING WEEK

WGS Reading Week was a joyful celebration of books across Grades 1 to 8. Primary students explored the magic of stories through lively storytelling, creative book covers, collaborative bookshelf displays, and the “Books I Treasure” activity. The D.E.A.R. session and special assemblies added excitement and reflection. Middle schoolers engaged in deeper literary explorations with vibrant classroom themes, author reflections, and meaningful discussions. A special tribute to P.N. Panicker, pioneer of India’s reading movement, added inspiration. The week nurtured imagination, curiosity, and a lifelong love for reading—turning books into companions and stories into powerful tools for learning and connection.



# WGS MUN



MUN, A gathering of delegates who fight for their country, their rights and showcase their talents in debate, dialogue and problem solving. The delegates arrived by 8 in the morning as the logistics helped with registration, the opening ceremony was a joyous celebration in which the members of the executive board were given their gavels. There was an extraordinary dance performed by the students which was choreographed by our senior coordinator. Then the ceremony was declared open. Each committee was assigned logistics members to ensure smooth flow of event and make sure all delegates were comfortable. The session began in each committee and each delegate tackled global issues, defended themselves civilly when questioned and used their sharp intellect to question and understand each delegates view point.



# WGS MUN



Day two saw a stronger version and the session started head on with exciting debates, different view points and resolutions which reflected their determination. The conference was put to a close with a beautiful closing ceremony, in which awards were given, special mentions to those who worked hard, and a powerful and inspiring speech from the Secretary General reminding each and every individual there that the spirit of diplomacy should be carried into everyday life. WGS MUN 2025 was truly one to remember and none of this would have been possible if it weren't for the students and teachers of WGS who put their heart and soul into the preparation of this outstanding event



# Investiture Ceremony



Investiture Ceremony 2025 – A Celebration of Leadership  
“Leadership is not about a title or a designation. It's about impact, influence, and inspiration.” This powerful quote truly came alive on 20th June 2025 at Whitefield Global School, as the Investiture Ceremony 2025–26 unfolded with pride and grandeur.



The ceremony marked the formal induction of the newly elected Student Council, comprising young leaders ready to inspire through action and uphold the school's values. Respected Senior Coordinator Mr. Arun Kumar G. warmly welcomed the gathering and emphasized the importance of cultivating leadership in students from a young age.



# Investiture Ceremony



The flag hoisting filled hearts with unity and pride, followed by the proud moment of badge and sash presentation. With the Oath of Office, the council members committed to serve with integrity, passion, and purpose.

The Chief Guest, Captain Manikandan Nambiar, Naval Commanding Officer, NCC, Karnataka & Goa, delivered a stirring address on discipline, responsibility, and fearless leadership. His words deeply inspired the audience.

Adding a heartfelt touch, alumna Ms. Niharika Sankranti reflected on her leadership journey and encouraged students to lead with humility and excellence.

The ceremony was not just an event—it was a celebration of vision, trust, and the limitless spirit of student leadership.



# Wings Of Fire



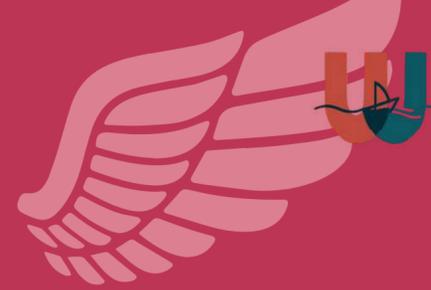
Whitefield Global School hosted the vibrant interschool fest Wings of Fire 2025, celebrating creativity, intellect, and expression across Grades 1 to 12.

Day 1 – A Spark of Wonder (Grades 1–5):  
The fest began with a warm welcome by Head Girl Poorthika Sai Mittapalli, an inspiring keynote by Mr. Sriram Sampath (Accenture), and an inaugural address by Principal Dr. Sita Sankar. Young students dazzled in art, storytelling, science, and more.





# Wings Of Fire



Day 2 – A Blaze of Brilliance  
(Grades 6–12):  
Senior students impressed in debates, quizzes, tech, drama, and music. Chief Guest Ms. Sunita Joel Fernandez delivered a powerful talk on wellness and balance.

Grand Finale:  
Winners were cheered, and talents celebrated. Principal Dr. Sita Sankar applauded every participant's courage and spirit. Wings of Fire 2025 wasn't just a fest—it was a celebration of fearless expression and young brilliance!



# Founder's Day



Honoring the Past, Applauding the Present, Inspiring the Future –  
Founders Day 2025

Whitefield Global School celebrated Founders Day on 14th June 2025 with immense pride and gratitude. We honored our visionary founder and Chairman, Dr. C. Purnachandra Rao Sir, whose vision continues to act as a guiding light.

The day not only commemorates the school's achievements, but inspires the students to continue to persevere and take the school to greater heights. The day began with a vibrant performance by our school band, followed by the ceremonial lamp lighting. Ms. Ahuti Tiwari, Head Mistress-Secondary then delivered the Welcome Address.



The unveiling of the school theme by Dr. Rao Sir and Dr. Sita Shankar, Principal, marked a fresh start to an inspiring year ahead.

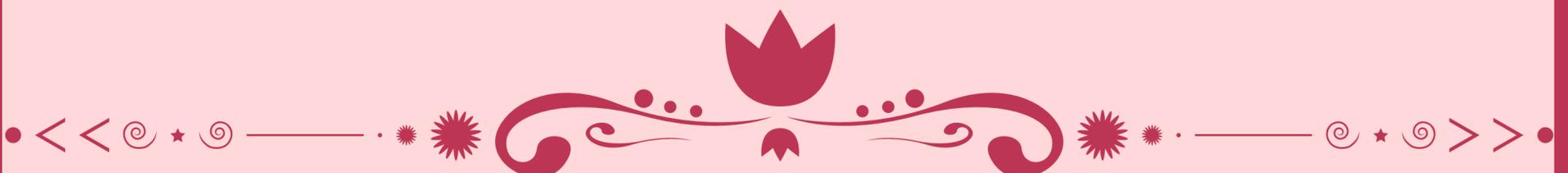
The release of the Yearbook 2024-25 was a nostalgic highlight, followed by the felicitation of alumni who continue to inspire us. Dr. Shankar's address paid tribute to our legacy, and cultural performances by students added colour and energy to the celebration.

# Founder's Day



Our Chairman Sir's keynote and the motivating speech by Dr. Sarada Chandrasekaran, Director-Academics, uplifted every heart. We proudly honoured our Grade 10 & 12 toppers, proficiency awardees, and star achievers.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Ms. Chitra Kulkarni, Head Mistress-Primary, reaffirming our shared vision for a brighter tomorrow.



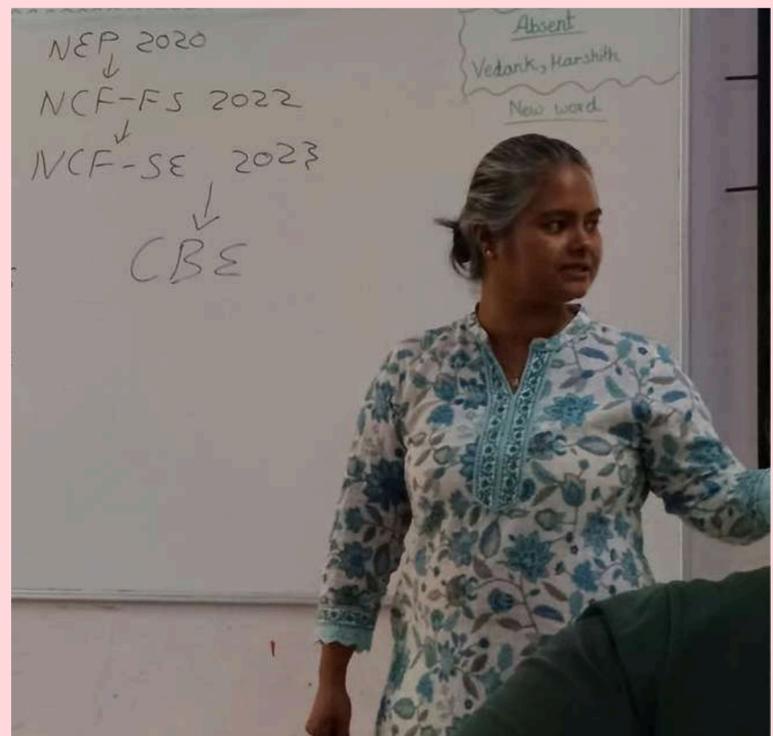
# Empowering Educators



"A good teacher is like a candle—it consumes itself to light the way for others." – M. K. Asan

Empowering Educators: Workshop on Transformative Teaching

WGS hosted an enriching workshop for Grades 1–8 educators, led by Mr. Murugesh Babu K and Ms. Ruchi Yadav from Oxford University Press, Bangalore. The session opened with a warm welcome by Ms. Rintu George and explored key topics like Curricular Goals, NEP, NCF-FS, NCF-SE, and Foundational Literacy and Numeracy. Educators gained valuable insights into effective language teaching, using the Teacher's Handbook, and integrating the Oxford Educate App. The workshop concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks, celebrating collaborative learning and growth.



# Author Talk by Ishaan Shanavas

On 29th July, middle school students enjoyed an engaging session with Ishaan Shanavas, author of *The Light of Wilder Things*. Living close to nature, Ishaan shared live visuals and personal experiences from the wild, bringing his stories vividly to life. His talk sparked curiosity and left students inspired by the wonders of nature and storytelling.



# World Environment Day



Our Principal's address motivated the school community to remain committed to sustainable living. The session concluded with a powerful message:

"The Earth does not belong to us. We belong to the Earth." – Chief Seattle

At WGS, we believe that consistent, small actions can lead to meaningful change for a greener, healthier future.

# World Environment Day



WGS marked World Environment Day with a special Science Assembly centered around the theme "Only One Earth – Our Responsibility, Our Future." The event served as a strong reminder of the collective duty we share in protecting the environment.

The assembly opened with a heartfelt prayer and featured a unique Eco Fashion Parade, where students showcased creative outfits made entirely from recycled materials. The programme also included reflective thoughts, vocabulary and news segments, graceful dance performances, and sincere student pledges to reduce plastic use.





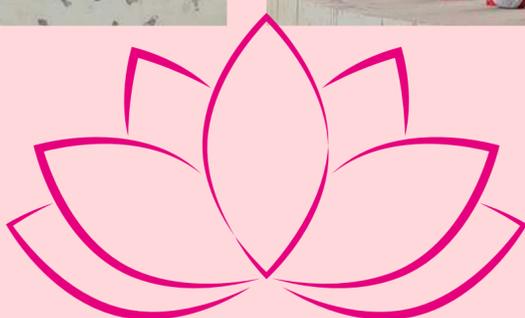
# International Yoga Day



“Yoga is the perfect opportunity to be curious about who you are.” – Jason Crandell

WGS observed International Yoga Day with a sense of unity and mindfulness, as students, teachers, and our Principal gathered for a reflective assembly hosted by Emerald House.

The day began with insightful reflections, the “Word of the Day,” and global news updates, setting a composed and thoughtful tone.





# International Yoga Day

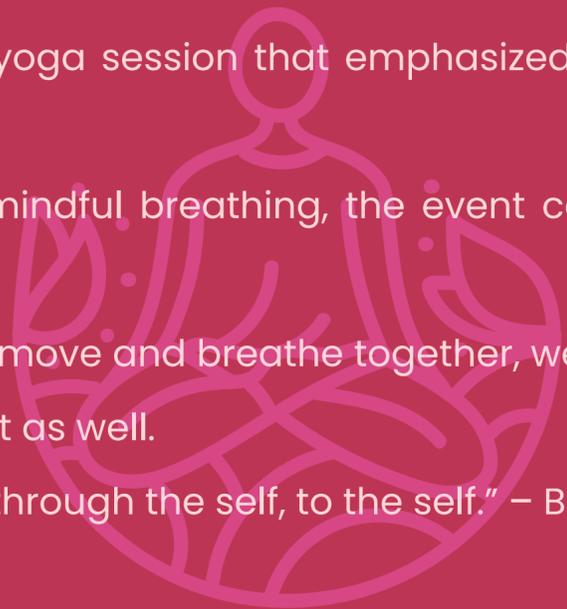


This was followed by a group yoga session that emphasized physical well-being, mental clarity, and collective focus.

From revitalizing stretches to mindful breathing, the event celebrated both wellness and self-awareness.

A powerful takeaway: when we move and breathe together, we cultivate strength — not just physically, but in mind and spirit as well.

“Yoga is the journey of the self, through the self, to the self.” – Bhagavad Gita



# World Equality Day



Ruby House presented a meaningful Special Assembly that beautifully combined the spirit of Guru Purnima and World Equality Day. With heartfelt performances—a skit on discrimination, a graceful dance, and a hopeful song—students highlighted the power of gratitude, unity, and fairness. The Principal's words reminded us that true change begins with each of us.



# My Journey During Wings Of Fire 2025-2026



Wings of Fire 2025 at Whitefield Global School was an amazing two-day interschool fest that truly celebrated creativity, intellect, and fearless expression. The event welcomed students from Grades 1 to 12, and it was inspiring to see so much talent under one roof. The fest began with a warm welcome by our Head Girl Poorthika Sai Mittapalli, followed by an insightful keynote by Mr. Sriram Sampath from Accenture and an encouraging address by Principal Dr. Sita Sankar.



I took part in the STEAM Quiz on Day 2, which focused on science, technology, engineering, arts, and maths. It was super engaging and made us think in new ways. The atmosphere was lively, and I loved the spirit of teamwork—my team worked together smoothly, discussing ideas and solving tricky questions. I felt proud to secure third place, but more than that, I valued the fun, learning, and friendships we built during the event.

The fest ended with loud cheers at the Grand Finale, where every participant's courage and efforts were celebrated. Wings of Fire 2025 was not just a competition; it was a beautiful platform for young minds to soar!

—Arav Mohapatra

# Mind The Gap: WGS Launches It's First Ever Podcast



WGS steps into the world of podcasting with Mind the Gap—a fresh, fearless series led by student voices on topics that matter.

Episode 1: Should Teenagers Be Allowed to Use Social Media?

A hot-button issue takes center stage as our young hosts explore its pros, cons, and real-world impact. From mental health to digital freedom—no angle is off limits.

WATCH NOW ON YOUTUBE:



# Coffee Connect



The Coffee Connect session, organized on 25th July 2025, provided an insightful platform for parents and educators to engage in meaningful dialogue on fostering emotional resilience among children.

The session began with a warm welcome from Principal Ma'am, who highlighted the goal of supporting children's emotional development. Parents openly shared personal experiences, challenges, and effective strategies for building resilience at home.



An interactive poll and feedback showed strong appreciation for the session's relevance. The event ended with gratitude and a reaffirmation of WGS's commitment to nurturing emotionally strong learners in partnership with families.





# Artworks



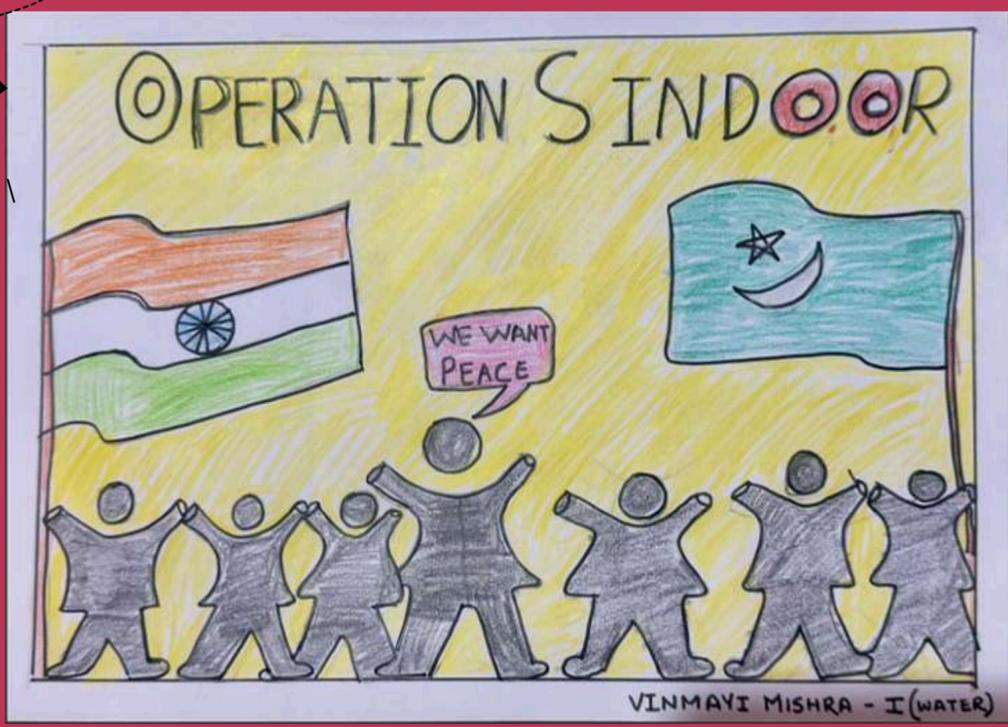
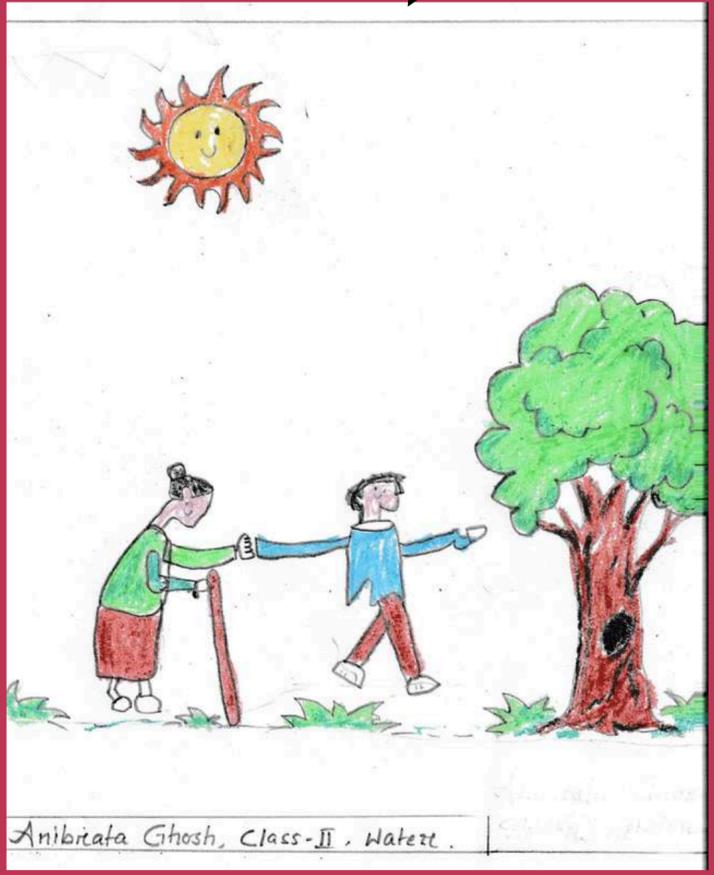
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I Sky

Ahana  
I Water





# Kindness Is Courage Too

Kindness is like a big warm hug.  
I love my grandparents and little  
toddlers. They smile when I talk  
to them and play with them.  
Sometimes, grown-ups forget to  
check on them. That is when I  
can help and show courage too.  
I can share my toys, hold their  
hand and make them laugh.  
Kindness means doing nice  
things even when no one tells  
me. It makes me feel good. I like  
being kind. It's like being a hero. I  
want to be brave and kind every  
day to everyone I love.

–ARJUN KURUP

I FIRE



# Unwritten. Untamed. Unafraid

I wasn't born a blazing flame,  
I was ash before I earned my name.  
Told to smile when I was broken inside,  
Taught to dream, but not to cry.  
My pages weren't always gold and bright,  
Some were soaked in sleepless nights.  
I've loved in silence, lost in pain,  
Stood in storms, danced in rain.  
Built a smile from shattered glass,  
Held my tears to let them pass.  
They see a girl, I build a storm.  
With dreams that break every norm.  
One hand in scalpel, one in flame,  
I plan to heal the world and sign my name.

And yet,  
I am unwritten. I'm not done.  
My story bends beneath no one.  
Untamed, though life tried to cage,  
I turned my grief into a stage.  
They thought my pain would dim my light,  
But I learned to roar in the darkest nights.  
Each wound I wear, a tear I bled,  
I'm unafraid of what I've said.  
So read me now, not like before,  
Not a girl they pitied or ignored.  
I am the storm they used to fear,  
Unwritten. Untamed.  
Still standing here  
.I'll dance till stars remember me,  
And heal with hands the world can't see.  
I choose my journey and write my name.  
I am not just what they say—  
I am Rithika and I lead the way.

—Rithika Gupta

IX Water

## *Dare To Dream. Dare To Be*

In a village small, where the hills roll high,  
 Lived a boy who'd always watch the sky.  
 While others ran and played on ground, He  
 chased the clouds where dreams are  
 found

"I want to fly," young Arjun said,  
 With paper wings and a fearless head.  
 They laughed, "You're just a farmer's son.

Birds may soar, but boys? Not one!"  
 But Arjun dreamed with eyes so wide,  
 And built his wings with hope and pride.  
 He tried and failed, he scraped his knee,  
 Yet whispered, "One day, they'll all see."  
 He studied stars, the winds that blow,  
 How feathers lift and eagles go.  
 He worked by night, he worked by day,  
 While others mocked and walked away.

Years flew by, and Arjun grew,  
 His tiny wings replaced with true.  
 A pilot now, he touched the sky,  
 With engines roaring as he flew by.  
 The village paused, and gazed above,  
 At the boy they once made fun of.  
 He dared to dream, he dared to try,  
 And now he danced across the sky.

-DRISHTI PANDA

VI AIR



## *Fearless? Thriving? Beginning.*

I have my own voice  
not loud, but unshakable.

I take my own stand,  
even when my knees remember fear.

Fearless?

Maybe not.

But I move anyway,  
and that's louder than certainty.

I'll write my own story,  
with ink made from everything they doubted.

Who said I'm powerless?

I was always a storm in disguise.

Thriving is inevitable  
like wildflowers cracking through pavement.

Even when I'm nervous,

I'll speak,

I'll stay,

I'll rise.

Each day will turn to gold

not because it's easy,

but because I said so.

I'll show them what bold really looks like

shaky hands, steady fire.

This isn't the end.

It never was.

It's the beginning.

–Anhad Kaur

XI Science Earth



## A Heart Full of Courage

My heart is brave,

My heart is kind,

I use my courage and my mind

I'm brave in everything I do.

I fight for my friends, and for myself when it is needed too!

I see the moon, I see the sky,

so bright, so high.

I say to the world,

Let's all be brave, and all be kind!

-Idha Kanagali

I Water





## A Little Hand of Kindness

One sunny day, I was sitting in the backseat of our car with my mom and dad. We stopped at a traffic signal. As we waited, I saw a man standing on the side of the road. He looked tired, his clothes were old, and he had a small bowl in his hand.

He didn't say anything, but I could tell he was hoping someone would help.

I felt a little tug in my heart. I looked at Mommy and said, "Can we give him something, please?" She smiled and nodded. Daddy gave me some money, and I carefully rolled down the window.

When I handed the money to the man, he looked at me and gave the warmest smile. His eyes sparkled, and he said, "Thank you, little one."

I felt really happy inside. I didn't do anything big, but I knew I had helped someone in a small way.

Sometimes, being kind doesn't mean doing something huge. Even a small act — like giving someone a coin or a smile — can mean the world to them.

That day, I learned something special: Being kind is a brave thing to do. And even small hands can do big kind things.

—Dakshaja Mitra

II Earth



## Adish and the Leather Ball Challenge

I am Adish and I love cricket more than anything. I have watched all the matches, knew every player's name, and even played every evening with my friends.

But there was one thing that made me nervous... The leather ball.

It was hard. It was fast. Once when we were playing in nets, when someone bowled it too quickly, it hit my arm!

So, I always played with the soft tennis ball. "I don't want to get hurt," I would say.

One day, my cricket coach Mitendra Sir said, "Adish, there's a real match coming up next week — with leather balls. I want you on the team for Bangalore shooterz.

My eyes widened. "Me? But... I've never played with a leather ball."

That night, I felt worried. What if the ball hit me? What if I got hurt in front of everyone, how much will it pain? Will I cry in front of everyone?

My dad noticed this and sat beside me. "You know," he said, "when I first played with a leather ball, I was scared too. But the fear goes away once you try. And I'll get you proper pads and gloves. Safety first!"

I nodded slowly. "Okay... I'll try."

That evening, I practiced with my dad with red leather ball in nets at our society.

By the end of practice, I wasn't scared anymore. I was not afraid.

During the real match, I even hit a four!

Everyone clapped and cheered, and my coach said, "Adish, now you are not scared of the Red Ball!"

—Adish Bhardwaj

Il Light



# Arjun's Secret Game Dream

Arjun loved computers, but not like his family thought! His dad built cool stuff, and his sister Priya was going to be a doctor. They thought Arjun would make boring computer programs, like ones for counting things. But Arjun? He wanted to make video games! Super fun worlds you could jump into and play.

His desk looked tidy with his school books. But hiding underneath was his secret! Books filled with awesome drawings of game characters, twisty levels, and exciting stories for games that only lived in his imagination. While his friends learned tricky computer codes, Arjun learned how to make stories exciting and how to make games super fun.

At dinner, everyone talked about grown-up jobs and smart robots. Arjun would just nod, but inside, he had a different, secret dream. He knew his parents loved him and wanted him to do well. But making boring computer stuff felt like being stuck in a shiny, golden cage.

Then, the school announced a big computer contest. Usually, kids made things like weather apps. But this year, there was a new part: "Story Games"! You could make a game! The winner got to visit a real tech company. The day to turn in his game was getting closer, and it felt exciting and scary at the same time.

He felt really unsure. Am I just wasting time? Will anyone think games are serious? What if I try super hard and just show I'm silly? He'd stare at his computer, with the game-making program open, but his fingers just wouldn't move. He could almost hear his dad's gentle voice: "Games are just for fun, son, not a real job."



One night, while making a game character look just right, his grandpa, Nana, came into his room. Nana was quiet and wise, and he always seemed to understand Arjun's wild ideas. He sat down and looked at the computer screen. "What's this world you're building, Arjun?" Nana asked, his eyes twinkling.

Arjun, who usually kept his game ideas a secret, found himself telling Nana all about it. His game was a puzzle where you had to pretend to be different characters to solve problems. Nana listened carefully. "You know," Nana said with a soft smile, "my dad wanted me to be a farmer. But I wanted to fix things – engines, anything broken. It seemed like a crazy dream back then. But I chose to do it! And here I am, fixing things for fifty years!"

Nana's words were like a little zap of electricity! They didn't tell him what to do, but they made him feel like his dream was okay. The next day, Arjun made a huge choice that felt like jumping off a tall diving board. He signed up for the "Story Games" challenge. His heart thumped with a mix of fear and a super excited feeling of purpose.

He put all his creative energy into his game, called "Echoes of Empathy." It was a super cool part of a game with special art, fun talking, and clever puzzles. It was totally different from other projects. It was his creative idea, a brave step into a new, unexplored computer world.

The day of the contest was a fast blur of nerves. When they called his name as one of the winners for "Story Games," he couldn't believe it! His "Echoes of Empathy" had truly amazed the judges! He felt super happy, but then he remembered the hardest part: telling his parents.

That night, with the winning email open on his laptop, Arjun sat his parents down. He told them about his game, how he won, and how much he wanted to make games.

His dad's calm face changed, and his mom's smile got tight. Arjun got ready for the same old talk about making smart choices.



But then, Nana, who was quietly reading a newspaper, cleared his throat.

"Remember," he said to Arjun's parents, "how Arjun would spend hours taking apart old toys just to see how they worked? Then he'd put them back together, but always in a new, different way! He's always been a builder, just of a different kind of world."

His parents looked at Nana, then at Arjun, whose face was red with pride and a little worry. His dad slowly picked up the paper with the contest results.

"It's... a very different job, son," he said, and his voice wasn't as strict as Arjun thought it would be.

His mom, after a long quiet moment, finally spoke. "We just want you to be happy and safe, Arjun."

"I will be," Arjun said, his voice strong, "doing this."

It wasn't like they threw a party for his choice right away, but it was a small crack in their strong ideas about what he should do. Over the next few weeks, they had lots of talks, drank many cups of tea, and asked many questions about if being a game designer was a real job. But when they saw how much he cared, how clever his game idea was, and probably because of Nana's wise words, his parents slowly, carefully, began to understand.

They saw not just a hobby, but a real, powerful dream.

Walking into the tech company for his first meeting felt like stepping into the future he had dreamed of. The air buzzed with new ideas, and the offices were full of smart, creative people. Arjun knew the path ahead wouldn't be easy, but he had taken the first, bravest step. He dared to dream, and even more importantly, he dared to do it! And with that one brave choice, he not only opened a new world for himself but also quietly changed how his family saw things. It showed that being brave, no matter how small the first step, can truly make all the difference

-Rohan Panem

VI Dew

## Sports Day Selection:

I was filled with curiosity as our class headed down for the sports day selection. Ma'am separated us into our houses. Ruby, Emerald, Sapphire and Topaz houses had to sit separately, I joined the Topaz house kids.

The races would begin, first the Topaz house boys went. This took sometime. Now it was us, girls turn. Sir separated us into 4 groups, I was in the second group. The first group ran and two girls were selected. Then it was my turn. My stomach had butterflies in it as I stood behind the 3rd lane. Sir helped all the kids to line up, then he moved away. The whistle blew and I ran with all my strength. When I reached the end line I couldn't stop, I was about to hit the net. Then sir and ma'am choose me and another girl. We both sat in the line on the other side. Just like this, the other groups ran and 4 girls joined us, the other houses did the same.

While I was thinking I was selected for the final race I was wrong, I had to run another race. Then sir called us for that race. I stood behind a lane, confidently but at the same time nervously. As the whistle blew I sprinted. On the way I slightly twisted my ankle, but I did not care and I continued running. Surprisingly I got selected again. We wrote our names to show that we were chosen for the final race. Then we sat on the other side happily watching the other races.



## **Sports Day:**

Participating in Sports Day for the very first time, I found myself filled with mix of curiosity and anticipation.

My stomach was grumbling with nervousness as I sat in the classroom. I was eating a small snack from my tiffin box, when the teacher monitoring called all the students to tie a ribbon on our wrists. The colour of the ribbon symbolized the race we were in.

Ma'am made us line up as we headed down. When we reached down I saw the school decorated with colourful flags and banners. Everyone looked vibrant in their house t-shirts, the air was full of cheers and anticipation. Happily, I stood in my position for the march past. As the march past started, we walked representing the Topaz house. We took 3 rounds, I saw my Mom and Dad waving and smiling.

## **Time for the race...**

My tummy had butterflies as I stood for the girls relay race, the first girl ran then the second and it was my turn. I sprinted when I got the stick, passing three kids. "Oh no!" I said, when the stick I gave to the last girl had fallen down and someone had kicked it all the way to the end. Due to this we lost, sending a sad expression across my face. I went back to the place where the runners were standing, then I heard my name being called out again to run. I had gotten a second chance to run.

This time I was more careful, and I won! The medal around my neck gleamed like gold in my eyes.

Sports Day reminded me that winning isn't everything. It's about participation, teamwork, and giving your best.

-Avni Vikram

V Fire



## From Lofted Drives to Setbacks and Back Again

I felt like a hero after that lofted straight drive over Vedaant's head for four. Vedant must have freaked out — he barely had a second to react. Thanks to my new English willow bat, I was on fire. Next ball, Vedant came in to bowl with more confidence. BOOM! I smashed a perfect cover drive.

Just as I was getting into rhythm, it started raining. I quickly padded down, and Vedant and I ran home, trying to stay dry.

But just as I reached home — bam! — I slipped on a speed bumper. Soaked and stunned, I felt a weird pain in my right wrist. Not a sharp cut. Not a clear muscle tear. Just... strange.

Two days later, I walked into my house with Dad holding my X-ray report. My hopes of becoming a cricketer felt shattered. I thought I'd never play again. But I healed. I trained. I got stronger.

Then came the real twist. Just three months into the new year, while running, I tore a muscle. Again. It felt like the final blow — like the dream was slipping away for good.

But here's the thing: I didn't quit. I still play. I still score. And I'm not done yet.

– Viehaan Singh

VI Fire



## My Fun Ride with Appa

We were in Switzerland for summer holidays. There was this big long slide called "Toboggan run". My Appa asked me "Durga, do you want to try?". I was scared and said "No". But my Appa said "Durga, it is just a Big, Fast, wibbly-wobbly slide!!". He held my hand and said "Lets go together". We got on our ride. At the top, Appa said, "Wheeeeeeeeeeeee!!!! Look at the pretty mountains!! You can do it". I smiled and went zooming down!!!. Cool breeze, snowy mountains and trees looks so nice and beautiful. I said "I did it Appa". Appa was so happy for me. Then Appa said, "See Durga, don't be afraid of trying new things, because it can be so enjoyable!!!!". Now I want to go again and again.

-Durga DP

I Water



# The Courage of Ram

Once there was a boy named Ram. He was around 19 years old and studying in an engineering college in Salem. A bright and disciplined student, Ram was known for his sharp mind and calm nature. Unlike many of his friends who stayed in the hostel, Ram returned home every day after college.

However, the college had a dark side. The seniors were notorious for bullying juniors, forcing them to dance, do embarrassing things, and sometimes even hitting them. This behavior was especially common in the hostel, where most juniors lived—and where the seniors ruled with fear.

Despite this, Ram never directly faced bullying, as he didn't stay in the hostel. But he saw what his friends went through, and it bothered him deeply.

One day, the principal called for a special assembly. The entire college gathered in the auditorium, and the principal addressed the crowd seriously: "Has anyone here faced or witnessed bullying? You can speak now without fear."

A heavy silence filled the room. No junior dared to raise their hand or speak up—afraid of what would happen to them later in the hostel.

The principal scanned the crowd, his face growing stern.

Suddenly, he noticed someone quietly chuckling in the corner. "You there, why are you laughing?" he asked. The boy stood up. It was Ram.

"Do you think this is funny?" the principal asked, clearly upset.



Ram replied calmly, “No, sir. I’m laughing because no one will tell the truth.” “And why is that?” the principal pressed. “Because they’re scared. If they speak out, the seniors will beat them up later.”

The principal looked at Ram for a moment and then asked, “Will you tell me who is responsible?”

Without hesitation, Ram nodded. “Yes, sir. I’ll tell you their names.”

Gasps echoed through the auditorium. No one could believe it—how could Ram be so fearless?

One by one, he listed the names of the bullies. At first, the room was silent. But then something incredible happened—other juniors began to stand up, emboldened by Ram’s courage. More and more joined in, and soon the principal had a full list of offenders.

That very week, 60 students were suspended for their involvement in bullying. The college made it clear that harassment would no longer be tolerated.

From that day forward, bullying vanished from the campus. And Ram? He became a symbol of bravery and integrity—a true hero in the eyes of everyone.

–Anirvin

VII Earth



## Presence of Mind, Heart of Gold

I'd like to share a real-life story that truly inspired me.

One day, my family and I, along with my 68-year-old grandmother, were traveling on the metro from Whitefield to LuLu Mall. On our return journey, the train was completely packed. We couldn't find a place to sit, so we stood holding onto the rails.

Suddenly, my elder brother stepped away, spoke to someone, then returned and gently took my grandmother with him.

Everyone around us looked surprised—there was no place to move! Where is he taking our elderly grandmother?

After some time, we saw her seated comfortably and relaxed.

Curious, my parents asked him, "What happened? What did you do?"

With quiet confidence, he pointed to a sign board that read, "Reserved for Senior Citizens." seeing the board, he had asked the person occupying the seat and showed him the sign board.

The person vacated the seat, and my grandmother got the place she deserved. Many passengers around us praised my brother's courage and presence of mind.

That moment reminded me how simple acts of bravery can leave a lasting impression—and make someone's day a lot better.

–Simhadri Neelesh

II Air



# Young Minds. Big Ideas: My Journey at

## the YEB Boot Camp 2025

I, Devansh Gautam Gaikwad, a student of X Air would like to share my journey and experience of the young entrepreneurship bootcamp, 2025, in the Hyderabad campus

YEB Boot Camp is an annual program organized by BITS Pilani, designed to help young entrepreneurs, selected from across the country, develop essential skills for starting and managing businesses. The program includes workshops, mentorship, and networking, focusing on practical topics like business planning, marketing, and finance. Participants gain hands-on experience and receive guidance from industry experts.

My journey at BITS Pilani Hyderabad started on January 5th. My parents dropped me off at the campus. It was the first time I had been away from home and my family for seven days, and I was feeling overwhelmed by everything happening around me. At first, I found it hard to digest the information, but as time passed, I settled in, made some friends, and grew excited for what lay ahead, especially with the Boot Camp starting on January 6th, 2025.

The program was packed with energy, and the schedule was intense. On the morning of January 6th, we headed to the auditorium for the inaugural ceremony. The theme of the Boot Camp was announced: sustainability. After the opening ceremony, we attended a series of talks from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. These speakers included CEOs, founders, and professors, some of whom were also entrepreneurs. Each day, we had sessions on entrepreneurship, covering everything from ideation to product development, manufacturing, patenting, and licensing. There were lunch breaks and 15-minute snack breaks throughout the day.

As I recall, there were around 137 participants, and we were split into 14 groups. Every two group shared the support of two Ph.D. volunteers who guided us through the process.

## **Our Team and Project:**

We were divided into various teams to apply our learning over the five days to create our own business idea and pitch it to two judges. The judges evaluated us on criteria such as presentation, problem identification, solution, market research, and more. Our group of 10 brainstormed several ideas before settling on creating a painless, needleless measles vaccine for children. We worked tirelessly together, from 8:00 AM in the morning to 2:00am at night. The day before the presentation, some of our team members had only 1.5 hours of sleep, from 4:30 AM to 6:00 AM, in the hostel. Despite the exhaustion, we divided the tasks efficiently and managed to get everything ready for our pitch.

## **Final Pitch Day:**

With great enthusiasm, we presented our pitch to the jury members. The result? We secured first place in the competition and received a special award. I was also honored to be the only one selected to facilitate not one, but two speakers.

Overall, the experience was thrilling and transformative. It's something that cannot be fully captured in words; it's an experience that must be lived to truly understand.



# My Learning Adventure



Learning is something that I do all the time, everywhere: in school, at home, with my friends, with my parents, all alone too. For me, learning isn't just the subjects that I learn at school, the information I cram for exams but all my experiences that teach me anything at all. There's always something new to learn, and that feels like an adventure. At school, the various subjects teach me about the world. Math makes me solve actual problems and think rationally. Science tells me how things happen — for instance, why it rains or how our body works. English allows me to read engaging stories, write well, and communicate clearly. Social Science enables me to learn about our nation, the world, and significant events in history. Every topic brings something new into my brain, and I enjoy it when suddenly "clicks."

But like I said before, learning isn't just limited to the classroom. For instance, when I attempt to repair a broken pen or find ways to complete my model for the science fair, I learn to be patient and creative. When I'm playing basketball, I learn teamwork and how I should manage wins and losses. Even when I make mistakes, such as forgetting homework or losing a game, I learn to take responsibility and improve for next time. One of the greatest things about learning is that each day is different. I may learn a new math shortcut one day and a cool fact from a friend another day or watch something interesting on a YouTube video. Learning is like a puzzle, I constantly receive new pieces that gradually fill in the picture.

Sometimes I even learn things from unexpected places. Such as being nice when a person is having a bad day, or being calm even when things go wrong. These may not be included in any book, but they are just as valuable.

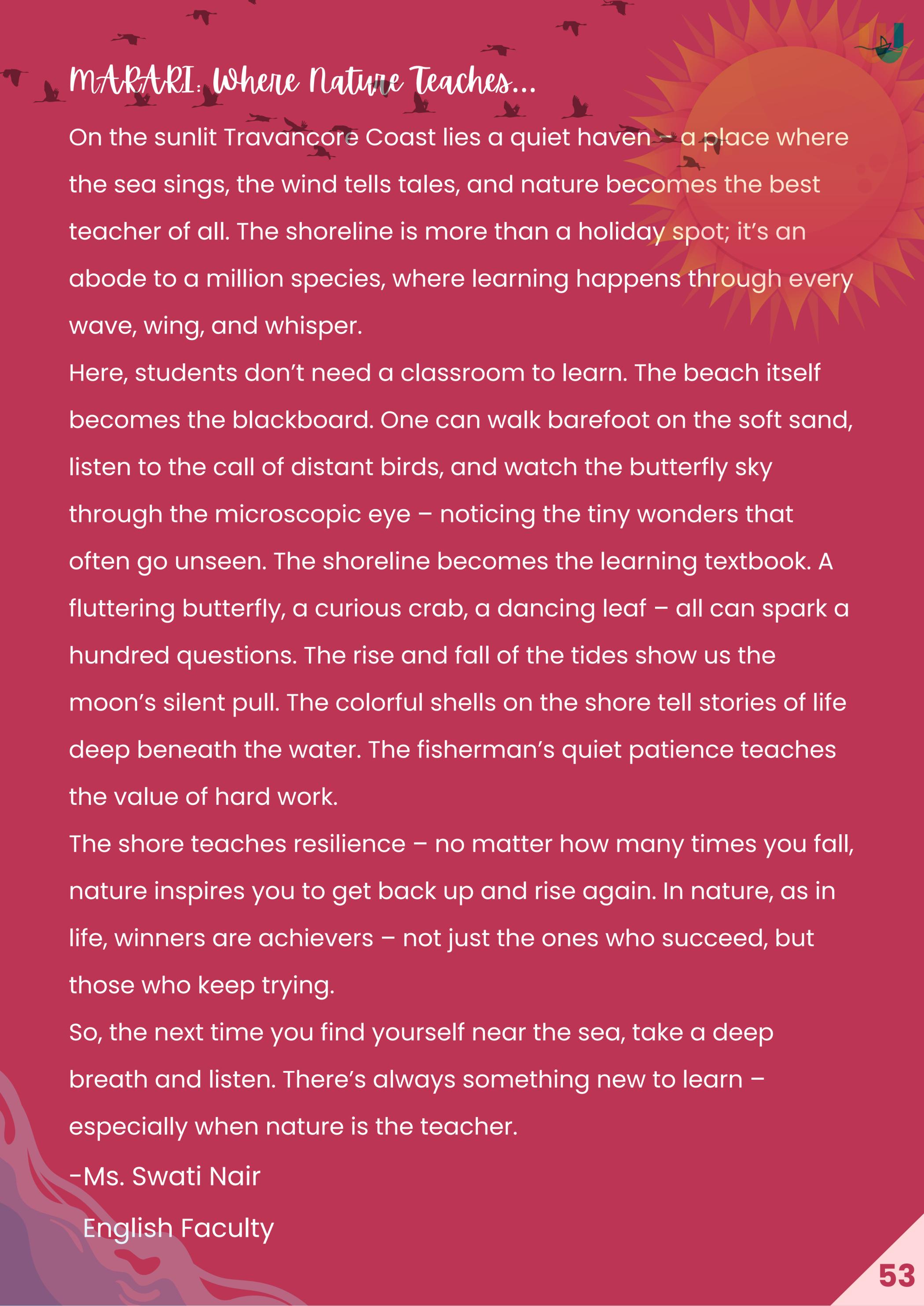
My learning experiences have made me more confident and self-assured. I've begun questioning more and considering how everything relates. I feel like each day offers me an opportunity to be an improved version of myself.

To me, learning isn't a dull task: it's an everlasting experience. And the thing that's best about it is that it never ends. There's always something new in store for me tomorrow.

-Urvi Goel

VIII Sky





## MARARI: Where Nature Teaches...

On the sunlit Travancore Coast lies a quiet haven – a place where the sea sings, the wind tells tales, and nature becomes the best teacher of all. The shoreline is more than a holiday spot; it's an abode to a million species, where learning happens through every wave, wing, and whisper.

Here, students don't need a classroom to learn. The beach itself becomes the blackboard. One can walk barefoot on the soft sand, listen to the call of distant birds, and watch the butterfly sky through the microscopic eye – noticing the tiny wonders that often go unseen. The shoreline becomes the learning textbook. A fluttering butterfly, a curious crab, a dancing leaf – all can spark a hundred questions. The rise and fall of the tides show us the moon's silent pull. The colorful shells on the shore tell stories of life deep beneath the water. The fisherman's quiet patience teaches the value of hard work.

The shore teaches resilience – no matter how many times you fall, nature inspires you to get back up and rise again. In nature, as in life, winners are achievers – not just the ones who succeed, but those who keep trying.

So, the next time you find yourself near the sea, take a deep breath and listen. There's always something new to learn – especially when nature is the teacher.

–Ms. Swati Nair

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# Parent Voices: Guiding Student Careers

*From Engineering to International  
Business - Embracing Change.  
One Leap at a Time*

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My journey has been far from linear, but each step has contributed to who I am today – and I hope sharing it helps students and families navigating their own crossroads.

It all began with a degree in Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering from Amrita School of Engineering in Kerala. This phase grounded me in analytical thinking and structure. My early career started at Patni Computers (now Capgemini) – my first real encounter with the corporate world.

But I wasn't done exploring. I took a leap and moved to Dubai to pursue a Master's in International Business at HULT International Business School. This experience widened my global mindset, challenged me intellectually, and reshaped how I viewed success and growth.

From there, I entered the finance world — working as a Financial Analyst at SNS Ventures. Keen to go deeper, I relocated to Bangalore, where I pursued the CFA program, enhancing my expertise in financial modelling and analysis.

Today, I serve as Business Development Manager (Power & Process) and Board Director at Sener India, part of a global engineering and technology firm headquartered in Madrid. Our work spans energy, infrastructure, marine, and aerospace — areas I never imagined being part of when I started.

To the students of Grades 11 and 12, here's what I want you to know:

- Your path may not be straight — and that's okay.
- Take calculated risks. Each detour can teach you something invaluable.
- Follow your curiosity, even if it means stepping into the unknown.

Sometimes the opportunities that seem uncertain are the ones that change everything. Every idea holds potential. Be brave enough to explore — one of them may just shape your future in ways you never expected.

## Guiding Student Careers

*From Small Town Dreams to Global Leadership — A Parent's Journey to Inspire Students*

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I am Mahantesh Gudodagi, a small-town guy with big ambitions—and I share my story to show students that every journey begins with a single step, no matter where you start.

My path began at KLE College of Engineering in Belagavi, where I pursued my engineering degree. Fresh out of college, I started as a trainee at RSGlobal and soon moved up to become a Process Engineer. It was here that I discovered my passion for SAP ERP—a turning point that shaped my entire career.

Driven by curiosity, I dove deep into SAP systems. This led me to Goa Glass Fiber as a Senior Engineer and SAP Super User, gaining hands-on expertise that became the foundation of my future. From there, my SAP journey took me to Wipro, IBM, and Capgemini, where I handled international projects across France, Switzerland, and Germany, gaining global exposure and learning how to adapt, communicate, and lead in diverse environments.

Each step built on the last, sharpening not just my technical knowledge, but also my ability to solve real-world business challenges. Today, I serve as Associate Director at PwC, leading a major SAP implementation for Sobha Realty in the UAE.

To students of Grade 11 and 12 — and to their parents — I say this:

- Be open to discovering what excites you.
- Don't be afraid to change direction when you find your true passion.
- Every experience adds value — whether it's in your hometown or halfway across the world.

Your journey will be uniquely yours. Mine began in a small town and now spans continents — proof that with passion, perseverance, and continuous learning, the possibilities are limitless.

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