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THE KALAM TRAILBLAZERS



From the desk of Kalam Block

“Dream, Design, Discover”

Inspired by the vision and values of Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, the Kalam Block is a dynamic learning space for students of Classes VI to VIII, where curiosity meets purpose and learning extends beyond classrooms. Here, students are encouraged to dream big, think critically, and explore ideas with confidence.

This edition of the e-newsletter reflects a vibrant blend of academics, experiential learning, assemblies, co-scholastic activities, cultural celebrations, and value-based initiatives. Each activity has been thoughtfully designed to strengthen skills such as problem-solving, collaboration, creativity, and responsible decision-making.

As you turn these pages, you will witness stories of exploration, expression, and growth—moments that nurture confident learners, responsible citizens, and future-ready innovators, truly embodying the spirit of the Kalam Block.

Ms. Santosh Yadav
Block Incharge

Awareness Venture Session on Study & Time Management

An engaging session under the Awareness Venture series was conducted for students of Classes VI to VIII on the theme “The Success Blueprint: Study and Time Management”. The session focused on developing effective study habits, goal setting, and smart use of time. Students were guided on planning schedules, staying organized, and maintaining focus during studies. Practical tips and interactive discussions helped learners understand how disciplined routines and clear priorities lead to academic success. The session motivated students to adopt positive learning strategies that support both scholastic performance and personal growth, truly reinforcing the idea of learning beyond textbooks and life.



Parent Counselling Session on Effective Parenting

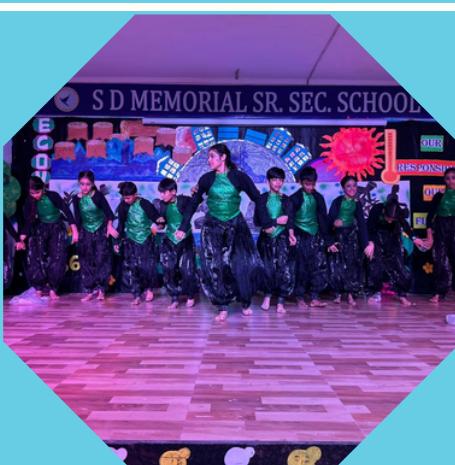
A well-structured counselling session on Effective Parenting was organized for the parents of Class VIII (A, B & C). The session was conducted by Ms. Deepika Tyagi and focused on strengthening parent-child relationships during the crucial adolescent years. Through interactive discussions, parents were guided on effective communication, emotional understanding, and supportive parenting practices. Practical strategies were shared to help parents nurture confidence, discipline, and emotional well-being in their children. The session provided valuable insights into addressing challenges faced by adolescents and reinforcing positive behaviour at home. Overall, the initiative fostered meaningful dialogue and reinforced the school's commitment to holistic development through strong parent-school partnerships.



MORNING MOMENTUM

Eco Vision 360: Our Responsibility, Our Future

In a powerful special assembly themed “Eco Vision 360 – Our Responsibility, Our Future”, students of Classes VIII G and VII E showcased remarkable awareness and creativity. The assembly blended thought-provoking speeches, an impactful skit, and melodious performances to highlight the importance of sustainable living and environmental mindfulness. Through confident expressions and meaningful messages, students emphasized that the Earth is not a possession but a responsibility we must protect for future generations. The programme concluded with a collective pledge to preserve, nurture, and safeguard our planet.



Break the Chain, Stop the Pain

Students of Class VI A and VI B presented a powerful special assembly on the theme “Break the Chain, Stop the Pain” to spread awareness against bullying. Through impactful skits, speeches, and performances, the students highlighted the importance of kindness, empathy, and mutual respect in creating a safe and inclusive school environment. The presentation sensitively conveyed how even small acts of compassion can bring positive change in someone’s life. The assembly encouraged everyone to stand up against bullying and support those in need. The meaningful messages resonated strongly with the audience, reinforcing the school’s commitment to nurturing a culture of care, respect, and emotional well-being among students.



Virasat: A Journey Through Indian Culture

Students of Classes VI-C and VI-D presented an inspiring special assembly titled “Virasat – A Journey Through Indian Culture,” celebrating India’s rich and diverse heritage. The morning resonated with hues of tradition as students confidently showcased cultural values, customs, and harmony through graceful and well-coordinated performances. In the esteemed presence of parents, the presentations highlighted the timeless legacy and unity in diversity that define Indian culture. Thoughtful expressions and vibrant performances reflected pride in the nation’s traditions. The assembly concluded on a note of admiration and cultural pride, leaving the audience enriched with a deeper appreciation of India’s enduring heritage and values.



Balance in the Digital Age

In today's technology-driven world, developing mindful digital habits is essential for overall well-being. With this aim, students of Classes VI-E and VII-G presented a special assembly highlighting the importance of balance in the digital age. The assembly sensitised learners to responsible screen usage and the need to balance digital engagement with physical activity, personal interaction, and mental wellness. Through meaningful presentations, students conveyed that technology, when used wisely, serves as a powerful tool for growth rather than dependency. The programme concluded with a strong message that conscious digital choices lead to a healthier, more balanced lifestyle, reinforcing the school's commitment to nurturing responsible and aware individuals.



CELEBRATIONS & MILESTONES

UDAAN Fest Event - 1 : Echoes of Expression

Udaan – Echoes of Expression provided a vibrant platform for students of Classes VI to VIII to showcase their imagination, artistry, and confidence. The event featured soulful music ensembles that highlighted individual brilliance and a powerful dance drama titled “Rhythm of Change.” Each performance reflected grace, creativity, and heartfelt expression, captivating the audience throughout. Students demonstrated remarkable stage presence and coordination, turning the programme into a memorable celebration of young voices and artistic talent. The event not only celebrated creative expression but also encouraged confidence, collaboration, and emotional expression, making it a truly inspiring experience for performers and viewers alike.



UDAAN Fest

Event - 2 : Rangotsav

Rangotsav, organised as part of Udaan – The School Fest, emerged as a vibrant celebration of creativity and expression for students of Classes VI to VIII. The event featured colourful activities such as creative art installations, poster making, and mehendi art, where students showcased imagination and artistic flair. As a special segment, the Culinary Challenge was exclusively conducted for Class VIII students. Young chefs creatively transformed simple ingredients into visually appealing and innovative dishes, demonstrating teamwork, presentation skills, and culinary creativity. Rangotsav successfully blended art and practical skills, making it a joyful and enriching learning experience for students.



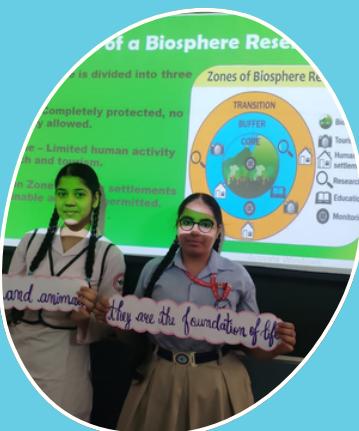
Science Week: Where Curiosity Meets Innovation

Science Week at the school was celebrated with great enthusiasm, offering students a vibrant platform to explore creativity, innovation, and experiential learning. The event showcased a rich blend of scientific awareness and imaginative expression through sustainable innovations, inventive models, scientific art, expressive performances, and thoughtful pledges. Students enthusiastically presented their ideas with originality and confidence, reflecting a strong spirit of inquiry and exploration. The celebration encouraged hands-on learning and critical thinking while making science engaging and enjoyable. Science Week successfully strengthened scientific temper among learners and transformed classrooms into dynamic spaces of discovery, inspiration, and collaboration, leaving students motivated to question, experiment, and innovate beyond textbooks and routine learning.



Conservation and Biodiversity

Students of Class VIII participated enthusiastically in a Science E.L.A. activity focused on the theme “Conservation of Plants and Animals.” The session included an informative PowerPoint presentation, an engaging skit, and an interactive interrogation round based on biosphere reserves. Through these activities, students gained a clear understanding of the concept, structure, and significance of biosphere reserves in conserving biodiversity. The programme highlighted the need for protecting flora and fauna and emphasized sustainable coexistence with nature. Active participation and thoughtful discussions reflected students’ awareness and concern for environmental conservation. The activity successfully strengthened scientific understanding while nurturing responsibility towards preserving the planet’s natural wealth for future generations.



Fire Safety Training

A Fire Safety Training Session was conducted for students of Classes VI to VIII to promote awareness and preparedness. Through interactive demonstrations and practical drills, students learned the correct use of fire extinguishers, evacuation procedures, and essential preventive measures for fire safety at school and home. The session empowered students to respond calmly and responsibly during emergencies, reinforcing the importance of safety, alertness, and preparedness in everyday life.



Celebrating Culture Through Colours

Our campus came alive with festive cheer as students created stunning rangoli designs, celebrating colour, creativity, and culture. This engaging activity beautifully blended tradition with imagination, encouraging teamwork and artistic expression. Each rangoli reflected the joy, unity, and vibrant spirit that festivals bring to our school community. The collaborative effort and cheerful atmosphere added warmth and positivity to the surroundings, making the celebration both meaningful and memorable. Through this creative experience, students not only showcased their talent but also deepened their appreciation for our rich artistic heritage.



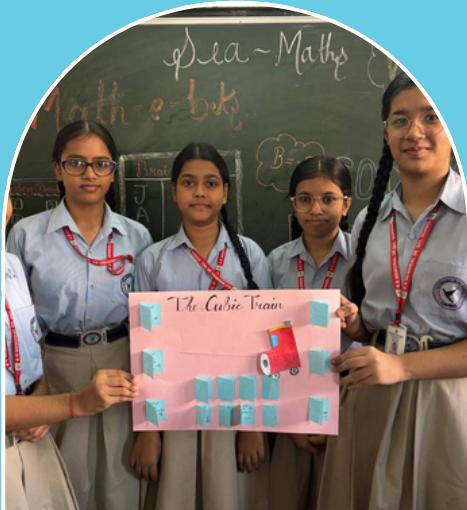
Lighting the Flame of Kindness

Class VI students of our school participated enthusiastically in the Candle of Kindness activity, a meaningful initiative aimed at nurturing empathy, compassion, and positive values. Through this engaging activity, students reflected on their own good deeds and expressed them creatively on colourful candle cut-outs. These thoughtful contributions came together to form a vibrant Wall of Kindness, beautifully symbolising how small acts of goodness can bring light and hope to many lives. The activity encouraged students to recognize the importance of kindness in everyday life and inspired them to be more considerate and caring individuals. It was a heartwarming experience that reinforced the message that kindness, when shared, truly has the power to illuminate hearts and strengthen our school community.



Concept-Based Learning Through Interactive Activities

To enrich classroom learning and spark intellectual curiosity, students actively participated in a series of engaging co-scholastic activities designed to promote analytical thinking and real-world understanding. Through themes such as White Gold – The Rise of Amul, students explored the story of India's dairy revolution and its impact on the nation's economy and society. The Decode the Hidden Cube Challenge further strengthened logical reasoning as learners applied mathematical concepts related to cubes and cube roots in a practical manner. These interactive activities encouraged inquiry, collaboration, and critical thinking among students. By connecting academic concepts with real-life applications, the initiative inspired learners to think creatively and confidently beyond textbooks, fostering a deeper and more meaningful learning experience.



Learning in Action

Subject Enrichment Activities (SEA) for Classes VI–VIII focus on experiential learning through hands-on activities. Students enhance conceptual clarity by participating in group work, projects, model making, quizzes, role plays, and real-life problem-solving tasks. These activities foster active engagement, teamwork, creativity, and critical thinking, making learning both enjoyable and meaningful. SEA also helps strengthen communication skills and encourages collaborative learning, while deepening understanding across subjects. By connecting theoretical knowledge with practical application, these activities equip students with essential skills for academic growth and holistic development, nurturing confident, curious, and capable learners.



Exploring the Solar System

An engaging activity where students explored the solar system through a fun, competitive format. It strengthened scientific understanding, teamwork, and confidence while making astronomy learning enjoyable and memorable.



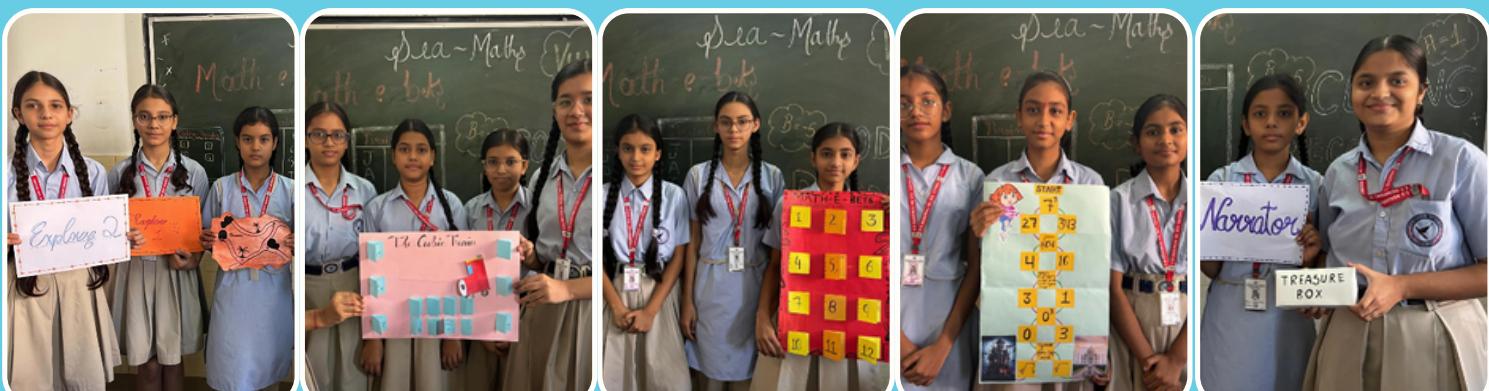
Shape Shifters

Students explored geometric shapes by creating tangrams, calculating area and perimeter, and explaining their designs. The hands-on activity strengthened conceptual clarity, creativity, teamwork, and understanding of polygons in an engaging way.



Decoding Mathematics

Students explored cubes and cube roots through creative decoding games involving puzzles and riddles. The activity promoted logical reasoning, creativity, and analytical thinking while making mathematical concepts engaging, interactive, and enjoyable.



Carbon Relay Race

The Carbon Relay Race is a fun, interactive activity that teaches students how carbon moves through the environment and how human actions increase pollution. In the race, students act as carbon carriers, passing “carbon tokens” through stations representing trees, oceans, factories, vehicles, and humans. Natural stations like trees and oceans absorb and store carbon, while factories, vehicles, and burning fuels release extra carbon into the air. This demonstrates how human activities increase carbon pollution, contributing to global warming, while showing the role of nature in regulating the carbon cycle.



Christmas Celebration

The spirit of Christmas brightened SDMS, filling the campus with joy, warmth, and festive cheer. Laughter, radiant smiles, and a sense of togetherness marked the celebration as students and staff came together to embrace the true essence of the season. Every moment reflected sharing, caring, and gratitude, highlighting values of love, kindness, compassion, and generosity. The celebrations created cherished memories, strengthened bonds within the school community, and inspired a spirit of goodwill. Hearts were filled with happiness, hope, and festive delight, making the occasion both meaningful and memorable for everyone involved.



Felicitating Young Innovators of Science Week

The school proudly felicitated the young innovators of Science Week in recognition of their creativity, curiosity, and scientific insight. Students presented sustainable ideas, inventive models, and expressive demonstrations that reflected originality and dedication. Each participant displayed a strong scientific temper and an inquisitive spirit through thoughtful presentations and innovative thinking. The felicitation ceremony celebrated their efforts and encouraged learners to continue exploring, questioning, and innovating. The event reinforced the school's commitment to nurturing young minds and fostering a culture of scientific excellence and innovation.



Felicitating Student Council Leaders for 2025–26

To mark the successful completion of the Student Council session 2025–26, the school organised a Felicitation Ceremony to honour the dedicated efforts of its young leaders. Captains, Vice Captains, Class Representatives, and Prefects were recognised for their responsibility, perseverance, and service throughout the session. The ceremony acknowledged their disciplined conduct, leadership qualities, and meaningful contributions to academic and co-curricular activities. Their commitment played a vital role in enriching the school environment and fostering teamwork and discipline. The occasion reaffirmed the school's commitment to nurturing responsible, confident, and service-oriented leaders who inspire others by example.



UDAAN Felicitation Ceremony

The school hosted a Felicitation Ceremony to celebrate enthusiastic student participation during the school fest UDAAN. Students were recognised for their involvement in events such as Echoes of Expression and Kala Utsav, showcasing talents in dance, music, and art and craft activities. The ceremony highlighted creativity, collaboration, and joyful engagement, honouring how every student contributed to the vibrant and colourful spirit of UDAAN.

ACADEMIC VISION 2026-27

BUILDING FUTURE-READY LEARNERS

“Strengthening Foundations, Expanding Horizons”

Aligned with the vision of NEP 2020, the Kalam Block is poised to embrace progressive academic reforms in the upcoming session. The focus will be on strengthening conceptual clarity through experiential learning, inquiry-based approaches, and project-driven pedagogy. Emphasis will be placed on competency-based assessments and real-life applications through discussions, collaborative tasks, case studies, and simulations.

The new session will further prioritise communication skills, critical thinking, creativity, leadership, and innovation. Integration of AI-enabled tools, foundational coding skills, and digital platforms will enhance technological fluency while reinforcing cyber safety and ethical digital behaviour.

Student well-being, values education, environmental responsibility, and community engagement will remain core pillars of the learning process. Continuous professional development, reflective practices, and collaborative teacher learning will further enrich the academic ecosystem.

As we step into the next academic year, the Kalam Block reaffirms its commitment to nurturing confident, curious, and future-ready learners through thoughtful planning, strong foundations, and a shared vision for excellence.

Thank You,
Team, SDMS

