




Strides

THE NEWSLETTER



We proudly present our school newsletter “*Strides*”

We have named it ‘Strides’ because our school, though just eleven years old, is taking great strides forward in all fields, be it in academics, sports or cultural.



Here is a summary of our Activities this Academic year 2024 -2025 and the accolades we have received.

First -A Little Bit About Our School

We, The Sunshine International School, come under the umbrella of Sri Sunshine Educational Trust

We must ever be grateful to our Founder Mrs C. Mathur, whose excellent leadership, determination, and clear and focused vision has benefitted many a student. The late Mr. S. Mathur a master of History with The Rajkumar College, was an immense source of inspiration and will always remain so in spirit.

Young, dynamic, full of energy and verve, is Mr. Akhil Mathur, the Director.

Ex Indian Naval Officer, Mr. Meenesh Mathur, is the Chairman of this organization. His steadfast focus is the student and he encourages and lends his support to any scheme beneficial to us.



Our Principal, Mr Suhas Rao, is unwavering in his efforts to raise our School to new heights. He is joined by our Vice Principal, Dr. Ram Kinkar Mishra in this endeavour. They, along with a team of excellent coordinators and mentors have given us a wealth that money cannot buy, that of character and moral fibre that only an all round education can guarantee.



The Investiture ceremony is a solemn and the most important event of our school. Students who have developed a high sense of responsibility, integrity, principles and reliability are honoured with the prefectural badge at every level.

The 11th Prefectorial Investiture Ceremony was held on the 23rd of November, 2024

Investiture Ceremony

23rd of November, 2024

Our Chief Guest for the occasion was IPS Officer, Dr. Parthrajsinh Gohil, DCP, (Crime) Rajkot. His wife Ms. Rajvi Gohil also accompanied him. Our Guests of Honour were Mr Kumar Santosh Narayan Asst. General Manager and Mr. Asutosh Anand, Chief Manager, both at The Union Bank of India, Rajkot and Mr. Ayaaz Khan Director (Retd) of The Rajkumar College, Rajkot.

The Chairman Mr Meenesh Mathur, along with his wife, Ms Kavita Mathur and daughter, Ms. Anushka Mathur and Director Mr. Akhil Mathur also graced the occasion. The oath of office was administered by the Principal, Mr Suhas Rao. The Vote of Thanks was given by the Vice Principal, Dr. Ram Kinkar Mishra.



NOOR VADGAMA

AASTHA CHAUHAN



HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE



**DR. PARTHRAJSINH
GOHIL**

**THE CHIEF GUEST
CONFERRING
THE BADGE OF OFFICE**



**MR. KUMAR SANTOSH
NARAYAN**

**GUEST OF HONOUR
CONFERRING
THE BADGE OF OFFICE**



**MR. MEENESH
MATHUR**

**THE CHAIRMAN
CONFERRING
THE BADGE OF OFFICE**



This year, we also felicitated those who had received accolades in their respective games/sports in the SGFI (School Games Federation of India). They were given their House Colours by Mr. Ayaz Khan.



Game /Sport	Category	Position	Selected for State
Football	Under 14 - Girls	Champions	7 players
Football	Under 14 - Boys	Champions	4 players
Hockey	Under 14 - Boys	Champions	6 players
Swimming	Under 14 - Girls	1st in all events - Gold	Yes
Skating	Under 11 - Boys	3rd	----

ACHIEVEMENTS

Festivals

Festivals are cultural and social events that bring people of all communities together. It is a time to relax and have fun together. In TSIS, we celebrate festivals with our own unique touch. We fly kites, decorate diyas, sing carols at Christmas, have a rangoli competition and paint garbis. At 'Janmashtami' the senior boys make a human pyramid, and the boy on top swings a stick to break the pot filled with sweets dangling above them - not an easy feat. 'Navratri' is looked forward to with great anticipation. Students and staff all dress in our traditional best and vie for best dancer or best costume prizes. This year the rains played truant and we didn't have any formal performances, but we got together one Saturday morning and danced to our hearts content.



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Events...

2024 | 2025

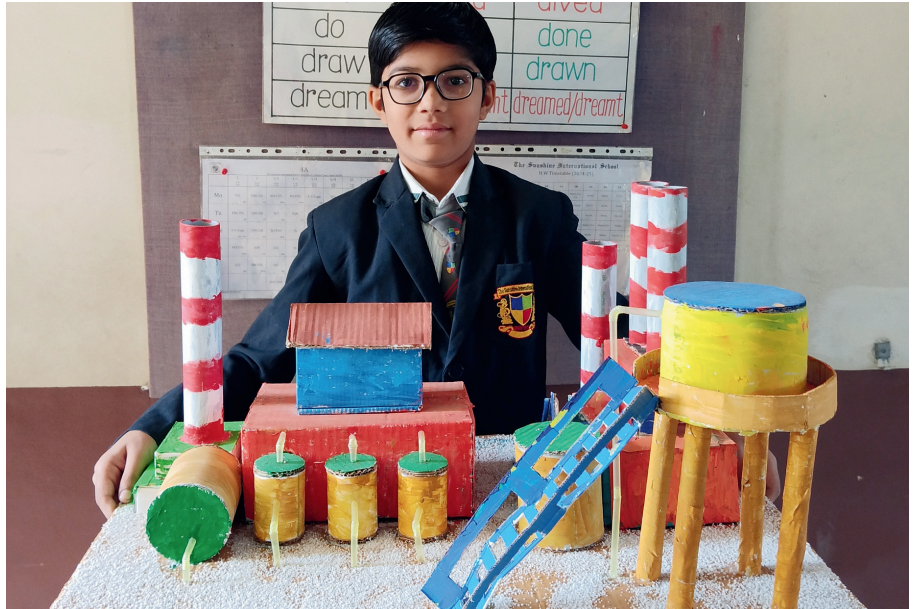
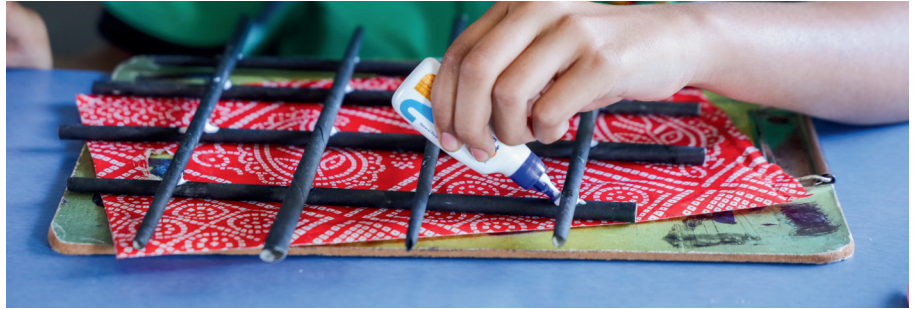
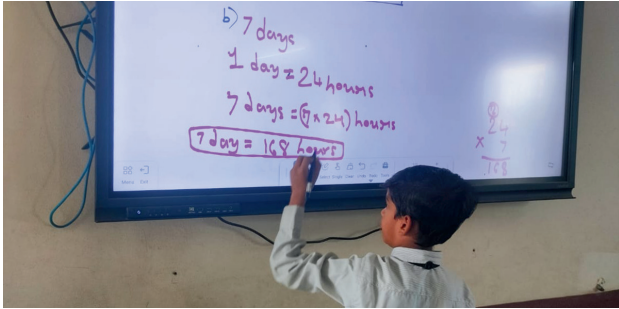


Recitation

We have recitation competitions from the kindergarten to Grade 10. We invite teachers from other schools to judge the competition and they graciously accept.

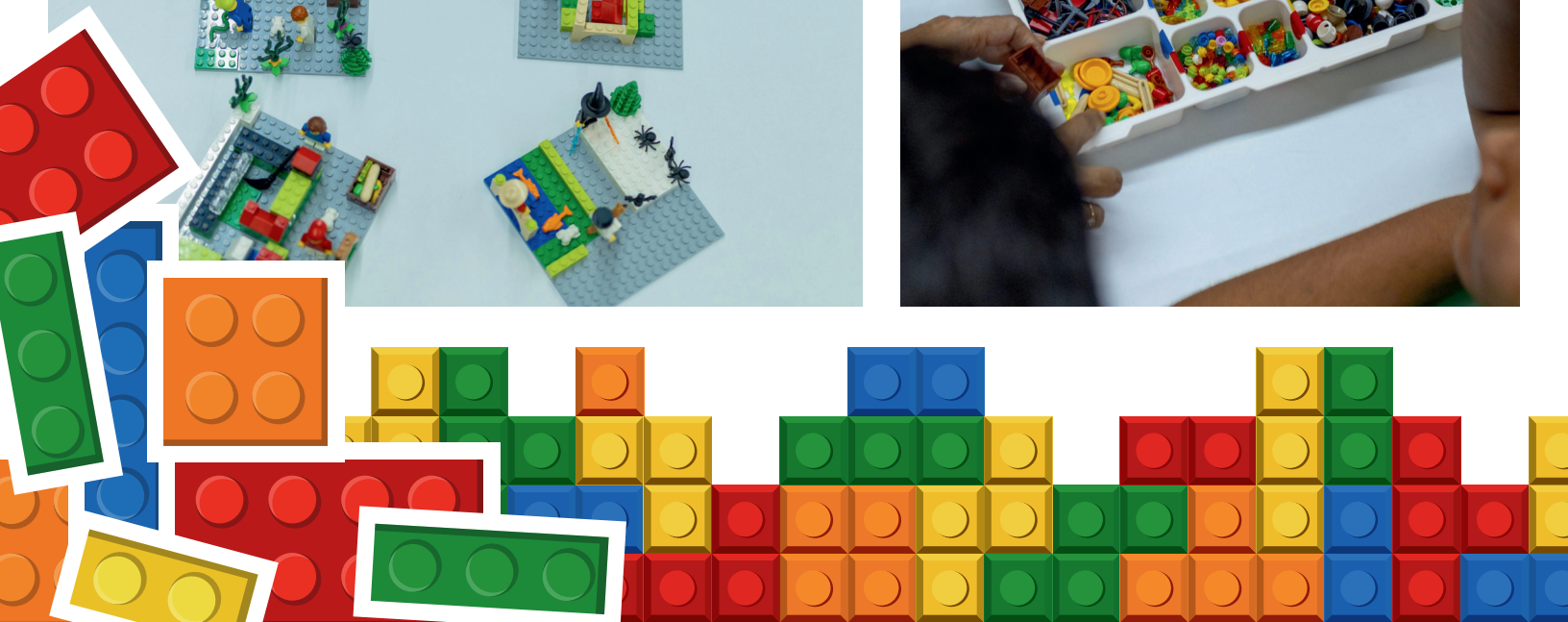


And Activites...



Lego

Our school introduced Lego as an activity this year. It develops skills such as planning, creativity and imagination. It also teaches us to work as a team. Needless to say it is a much appreciated activity and students of Grade 4 to 8 look forward to their turn with much enthusiasm.



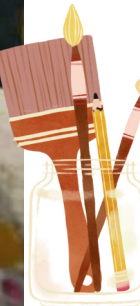
External Competitions

Art

Eighty of our young artists participated in an All India competition called 'Master Stroke' and the '32nd Japan World Art Competition' in which our student, Swaranjali Shinde, 7B, stood first at the National Level.



ART



Swami Vivekanand 162nd Centenary Celebrations – Recitation

S No.	Name	Grade	Subject	Rank
1	Shree Thakkar	1	Hindi	4th
2	Prisha Varshani	2	Gujarati	1st
3	Pranshu Mungra	3	Hindi	4th
4	Vishwa Modhvadiya	9	Gujarati	1st
5	Yashvi Parsanna	9	Gujarati	4th

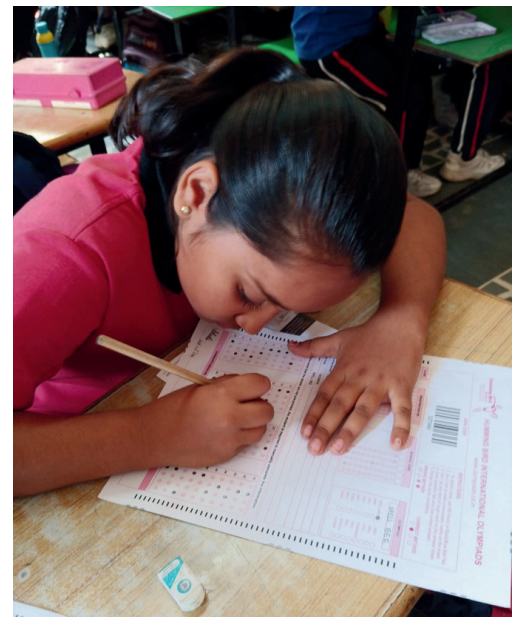
And Examinations...

In December this year, Grades 1 to 10 participated in the competitions held to commemorate Swami Vivekanand on his 162nd Birth Centenary. We competed with students of other schools. The results are as below:-

The Olympiads

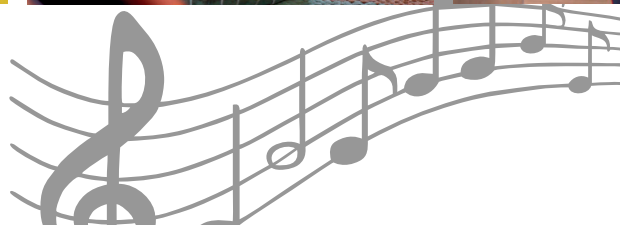
The Olympiads are competitive exams in various subjects, held in more than 70 countries all over the world. These exams develop a students' problem solving and analytical skills and enhance their understanding of subjects at a deeper level.

Each students' result includes international, regional, zonal, city and school rank and also a performance report that tells the student his or her strong points as well as weak points in a particular subject.



Dance and Music

We are coached in the Lucknow gharana or style of kathak, by Dr. Durva Dave Chauhan and in Indian classical vocal, sitar, tabla and harmonium, by Dr. Jigar Pandya and Messrs Javed and Shivam. Students appear for an examination, Parambhik and Praveshika Pratham at the National level. We are proud to say the students got through with flying colours.



Annual Function

In today's fast changing world, it is important to remain grounded and in touch with our roots. To encourage this, our school has various hobbies, kathak, music, art, dramatics, lego and yoga, and we show case these at our Annual Function. Along with Indian classical instruments and ragas, students may also learn to play the guitar, drums and keyboard and learn English folk and country songs. During the morning assembly, a student plays the prayer and birthday song.





Festival Junction

Educational & Adventurous Excursions

**LEARNING
EVERYDAY**



INDUSTRIAL VISIT
GRADE: 11



BEYT DWARKA TRIP
GRADE: 8

Our school organizes educational and adventurous trips to various places. These trips further add to our education and development.

Educational & Adventurous Excursions



SCIENCE CITY | GRADE: 4



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LET'S GO

ADVENTURE

Sunshine Kidz



The Pre school is a hive of activity under the guidance of Ms. Twisha Jivrajani and her team. The children develop various skills by doing several different activities to unlock their potential. They have art, show and tell, fancy dress, recitation, and handwriting competitions, field trips and first hand experiences. They visited a farm, had a funfair with rides in school and even made friends with an elephant who came to meet them here, at school!



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This year the pre primary and primary had a wonderful treat. Mr. Punit Kotak, a well wisher, brought with him giant kites in the shape of birds and allowed the children to take turns in holding it. The children were awed by the size and excited to fly the kites.



Sports and Games

Sports and games are important to develop a healthy body. We have inter house matches in cricket, hockey, football etc. Green and Yellow have dominated the field in the boys' matches and Red and Blue in the girls' matches.



Sports and Games

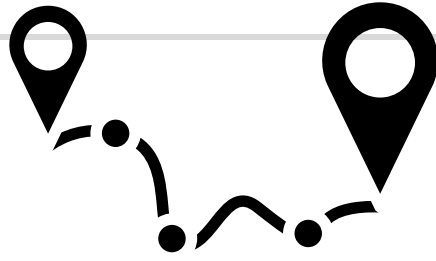
The 10th Annual Sports Day was held on 30th November, 2024. Our Chief guest was Brig. K. Loganathan, Group Commander of NCC Group Headquarters, Rajkot and Guest of Honor was Lt.Col. Muruza Ali Asad, Adm Officer, NCC, Rajkot. Also present were Chairman Mr. M. Mathur and Director, Mr. A. Mathur. Drills using different props by various age groups, enlivened the occasion and added colour to the event. The torch drill, done in total darkness with lighted mashals brought the event to a close.

Cross Country

Our Annual Cross Country is an optional race in which our teachers also participate. It was held on 31st December 2024. The route for Grade 8 to 12, Boys was from the School to Nyari Dam and back again. While for others it is from Nyari Dam to School. The route is interspersed with non participants offering water and cheering the participants on.



Cross Country



Visitors

This year we interacted with two very interesting people, both with an adventurous spirit!



Mr. Kumar Shah has driven his motorbike from Baroda to London via the ancient silk route! En route, he met many interesting people, willing to help and sharing information readily. It seemed as if it were one world, no boundaries separated humanity. His book, 'Ride Your Dreams' catalogues his real life experiences and situations on the road for 76 days!



Mr. Mohit Niranjan a passionate cyclist has ridden a whopping 30,000km from Lalitpur, in Uttar Pradesh, across India on a mission to spread awareness of conservation of soil under the 'Swami Sadguru Save Soil Campaign.' He interacted with Grades 7 and 8 and discussed the relevance of Mother Earth and her bounty with soil being the central theme as a major component. All life depends directly or indirectly on soil and therefore it should be revered and conserved. He appreciated the gift we gave him to commemorate his efforts.

Students' Farewell

Grade 11 organised and hosted a touching farewell for the out-going batch of 2024. They performed dances and songs and organised fun games for the outgoing students. We wish the outgoing students all the best in their future endeavours.





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(Not in the Picture - Mihir Patel, Swaranjali Shinghde, Chesta Khambhaliya)



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