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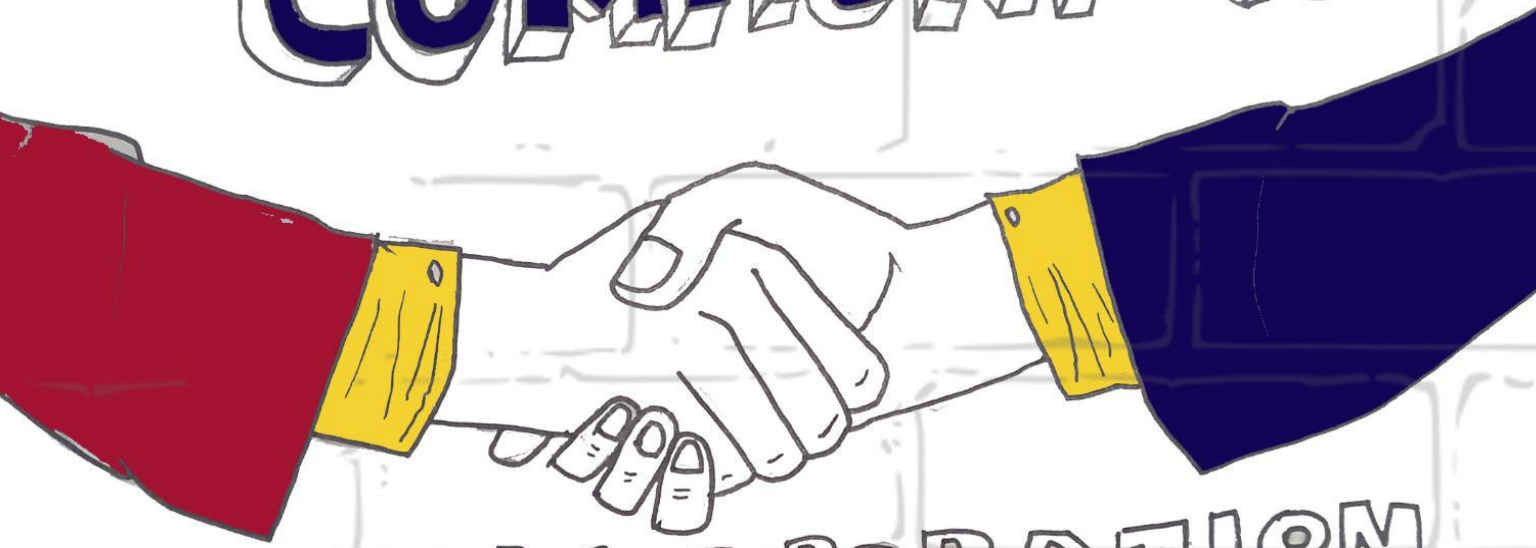
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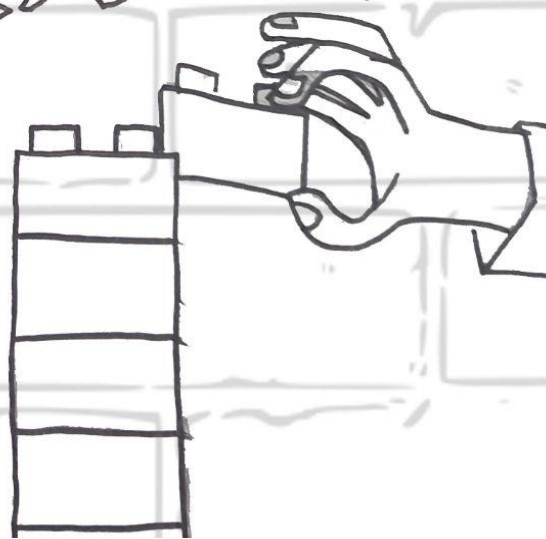
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Attribute of the Month - Collaboration

In our school, collaboration is like a symphony orchestra, where individual brilliance harmonizes to create a masterpiece greater than the sum of its parts. We emphasize fostering an inclusive environment where every voice is heard and valued. Here are several instances showcasing how seamlessly collaboration is ingrained at Nahar:


1. Humanities Week celebrated interdisciplinary collaboration with "Time Trek," where students explored events shaping modern India in 1991, bridging history, economics, and business.
2. During the Ladakh edutrip, students collaborated to analyze the impact of extreme weather on Ladakhi lifestyle, proposing sustainable solutions and fostering inquiry, teamwork, and communication skills.
3. Our CAS Initiatives unite students across grades to address local environmental challenges through collaborative action and advocacy, gaining insights into civic engagement and collective responsibility.
4. As part of the EUMIND Schools Network, we foster collaboration between Indian and European schools, engaging in projects addressing real-life issues like sustainability and human rights, cultivating tolerance through the EUMIND International Collaboration Programme.

Furthermore, our commitment to inclusivity is reflected in diverse collaborative projects, including multicultural festivals, student council initiatives, strategic team selection for NIS league matches, inclusive art projects, and peer mentoring programs.

Technology tools play a pivotal role, facilitating collaboration and fostering a democratic approach in our classrooms. From online discussion forums to collaborative document editing platforms, these tools provide a digital space for students to express thoughts and ideas freely, encouraging every voice to be heard without judgment.

Here's to the power of collaboration—may it continue to light our path, ignite our passions, and unite us in pursuit of a brighter, more inclusive, and harmonious future for all.

- Priyanka Laad
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EVENTS

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Unveiling 'Bees and Cubs' - Our Pre-Primary Wonderland!

The air echoed with joyous laughter as our Early Years (EY) children explored their upcoming sanctuary, 'Bees and Cubs.' Filled with excitement, the children eagerly entered vibrant corridors and classrooms, soon to become their second home.

Led by their teachers, they journeyed through the premises, from colorful walls adorned with beautiful murals to cozy reading corners promising a world of possibilities. The highlight was the unveiling of their future classrooms, met with squeals of delight.

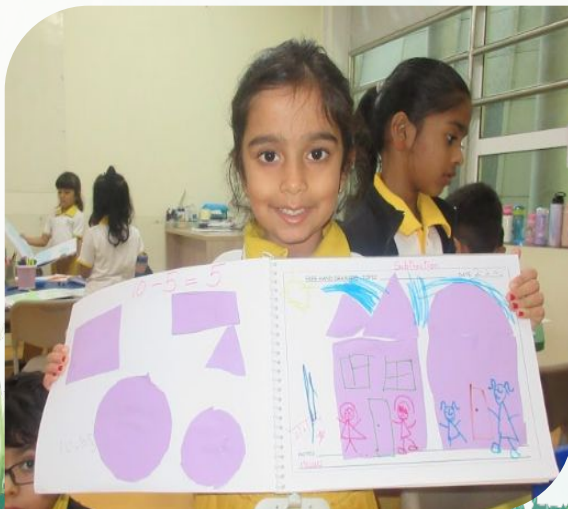
As the visit concluded, the children reluctantly bid farewell to their newfound paradise, already counting down the days until their return. With boundless enthusiasm, we prepare to transition, ready to embrace the adventure that awaits us.



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Number Play Wonderland

On Math Day, our young learners delved into a world of discovery and play, engaging with mathematics in creative and hands-on ways. The creation of "Shape Sandwiches" and crafting colorful pattern bookmarks were highlights, enhancing their understanding of shapes and patterns while honing fine motor skills. A lively game of "Shape Hopscotch" added active fun, practicing shape identification. Guided by an analogue clock's ticking, children explored time, making it an interactive experience. Estimation skills were tested with a jar of toy animals, and young chefs put sequencing abilities to work with delicious cracker assemblies. Math Day sparked a love for math in fun and meaningful ways for our EY students.



Tiny Feet, Big Adventures

In a whirlwind of excitement, our EY children embarked on an unforgettable journey at the Adventure Camp, tackling thrilling challenges and discovering new horizons. Donning helmets and harnesses, their giggles echoed as they soared through the air on zip lines, laughter resonating through the trees. Next on the agenda: wall climbing! With determination etched on their faces, our little ones scaled a wall, conquering each foothold, fostering physical strength, resilience, and confidence. Inside the Magic Tent, our young adventurers excelled as pathfinders, navigating their way out of the tricky maze. Balancing on the Burma Bridge, our daring explorers showcased skill and coordination, navigating swaying ropes with focused determination. Through challenges conquered, they embodied the spirit of exploration, reminding us that the greatest adventures are found in the journey itself.



Eden of Empathy

Grade 3B recently took center stage with their assembly, titled 'The Magical Garden of Empathy,' where they emphasized the significance of empathy in various situations. The young presenters skillfully conveyed that empathy knows no boundaries of place or time, advocating for its practice in every aspect of life. Going beyond the traditional assembly format, a follow-up activity was organized. Each child in Grade 3B received an empathy cape, symbolizing their 'empathy superpower.' Personal experiences related to empathy were shared on these capes, displayed on a dedicated board, showcasing the students' individual commitment to empathy. The magical journey through empathy continues to leave a lasting impact on both the young minds and the larger school community.



Unconventional Music Echoes Through Town

In a mesmerizing showcase of creativity and zeal, Grade 3A students recently stole the spotlight with their assembly themed 'Unconventional Music.' This captivating event emphasized the value of embracing diverse perspectives and celebrated the unifying force of rhythm. With an overflow of youthful energy, the young performers illuminated the significance of incorporating different viewpoints into their musical journey. Through a dynamic and engaging presentation, they subtly conveyed a powerful message – the ability to create music using any available resources. The indomitable spirit of students left a lasting impression, showcasing the transformative nature of music and the capacity to discover harmony in the most unexpected places.



Read. Dream. Repeat. The magic is in the pages

The NIS Knowledge Hub, in collaboration with the Story Candy Book Fair, orchestrated a magical literary experience on February 23, 2024. The Book Fair, an appetizer for further reading, showcased a diverse range of books across genres, playing a crucial role in fostering a reading habit among people of all ages. Parents and staff members joyfully explored the extensive collection, selecting books that piqued their interest. The event not only provided a delightful opportunity to browse through numerous literary treasures but also contributed significantly to nurturing a culture of reading within our community, creating a lasting impact on the attendees.



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The Tales of Meluha

In the spirit of cultural exploration, Grade 6 took center stage during this year's Cultural Day with their enchanting production, "The Tales of Meluha," unraveling the mysteries of the Indus Valley Civilization. The primary objective was to provide students with diverse dramatic experiences, fostering an international and open-minded perspective. The storyline, crafted with creative freedom, intricately highlighted elements of the Indus Valley Civilization, incorporating dance and music to enhance the overall theatrical experience. The Cultural Day event left our students thrilled, eagerly anticipating the next opportunity to showcase their talents and captivate the audience once again.





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Time Trek

This January-February, students enjoyed *Time Trek*, our annual edition of Humanities Week, modeling an initiative in interdisciplinary learning. From delving into historical events to exploring economic reforms, students across grades 6 to 9 embarked on an enriching voyage that fostered critical thinking, collaboration, and a deeper understanding of the world around them. At its core, the objective of Time Trek was to transcend the confines of traditional subject boundaries and provide students with a holistic understanding of historical events, economic phenomena, and societal transformations.



Calicut, 28th May, 1498 Made by
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Salt clings to my skin, a crusty reminder of my weeks at sea. But the voyage has paid well. The scent of spice, a heady mix that excites yet disorients me. Perhaps it is for too thick, but it welcomes me.

Calicut, is what lies ahead, a city of olive and emerald, before me sprouts a tapestry woven from what appears to be palm trees and sun-baked stone. Today, I, Vasco da Gama, step onto the soil of India, the land of peppers and pearls of silk and Sandalwood.

I have dreamed of this since I was a boy.

The sand is warm and coarse, the heat infernal, the air a cacophony of noises, a stark contrast to the chilled deck of S^o Gabriel.

The ruler, Zamorin, eyes us suspiciously, but greets us with courtesy. He is a man of regal bearing, adorned with multicolored jewels that glint like captured stars.



The background is a vibrant watercolor illustration. It features a range of mountains in shades of blue, green, and yellow. In the foreground, there's a lush green field with small flowers. A large, leafy green tree stands on the right side. In the lower right, a grey tent is pitched on a sandy patch. The overall style is soft and artistic.

The Great Middle School Adventure

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Wild Whisk and Wander: Jungle Odyssey at Pench Reserve

Grade 6 students ventured on a transformative edutour to Pench Reserve, a journey encompassing both indoor and outdoor sessions. Inspired by "The Jungle Book," they explored biodiversity through captivating nature trails, identified flora and fauna, and gained insights into local life in tribal villages. Pottery sessions in 'Pachdhara' village fostered empathy for artisans. Engaging in crafting pugmarks and camera trapping, students contributed to vital wildlife monitoring. Safari adventures led to a thrilling tiger sighting, and the Jungle Cook-Off added a flavorful touch. The trip concluded with a reflective session, allowing students to share thoughts on this holistic and eye-opening experience.



Hampi Expedition: History, Adventure, and Heartfelt Moments

Grade 7 students embarked on a thrilling journey to Hampi, Karnataka, filled with adventure and learning. A morning hike at Matanga Hill and engaging Parkour activities set the tone for an energetic exploration. The historical marvels of Vitthala Temple Complex, a Scavenger Hunt at the Royal Enclosure, and insights into Indo-Islamic architecture at the Zenana Enclosure showcased the rich cultural tapestry of Hampi. Serenity enveloped the students during a coracle ride, bouldering attempt, and sunset meditation. Hands-on learning included a mock excavation, while a culinary experience and village tour deepened their cultural understanding. This unforgettable trip not only enriched their minds but also left lasting imprints on their hearts.



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From Culture to Peaks: Amritsar-Dharamsala Wonders

The Grade 8 students initiated an unforgettable journey during the Amritsar-Dharamsala trip. Commencing with engaging icebreakers and a captivating lecture on Sikh culture, the expedition unfolded with visits to historical gems like Jallianwala Bagh and the Partition Museum, providing poignant insights into India's rich past. The trip reached its crescendo at the Wagah border ceremony, fostering patriotism and unity among our students. Transitioning to Dharamsala, they delved into Tibetan culture through Thangka sketching and vibrant market excursions. A trek amidst Dharamsala's scenic beauty built camaraderie, while bonfire evenings sparked reflective conversations and forged lasting memories. Departing with gratitude and enriched perspectives, our students returned home with a profound appreciation for India's diverse cultural heritage.



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¡Hola Emociones! Unmasking Feelings in Spanish

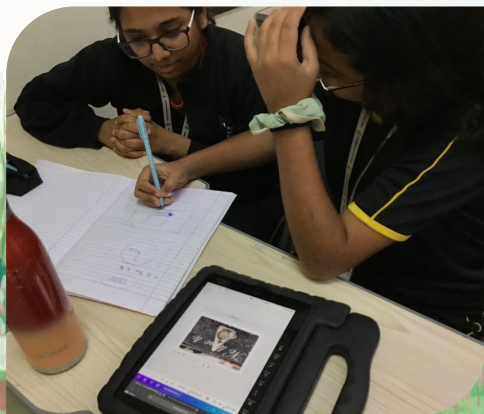
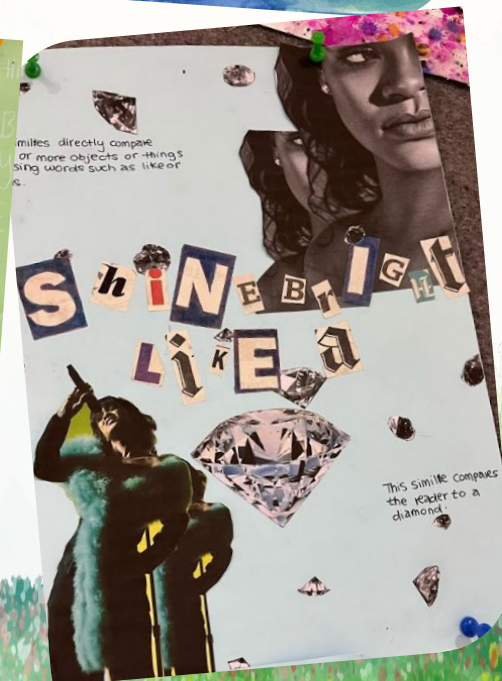
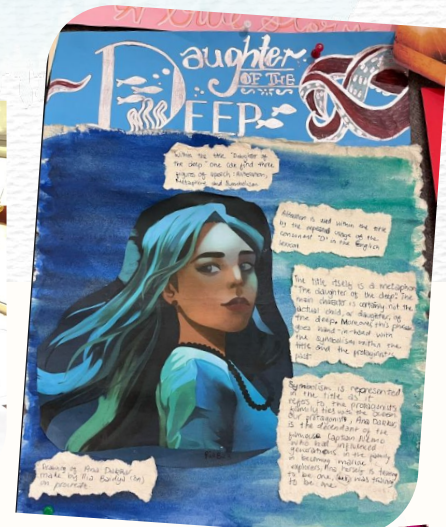
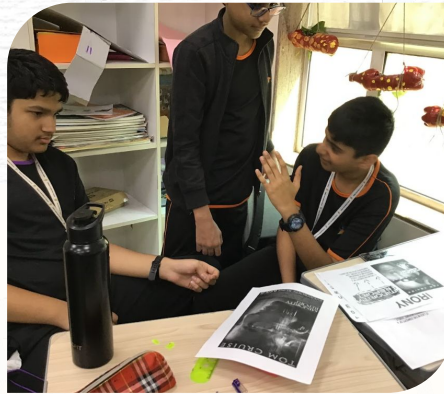
The students of Grade 6 embarked on a journey into their emotional world through a classic board game, a unique and engaging method to enhance Spanish communication skills. Facilitated by the school counselor, this activity encouraged collaboration, critical thinking, and self-reflection. Students actively expressed their feelings and responses in Spanish, fostering hands-on language practice. This interdisciplinary class not only nurtured open-mindedness, communication, and critical thinking but also reinforced Spanish grammar concepts. Moreover, it instilled valuable qualities such as compassion, alertness, and empathy among the students.



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Ever Explored Figurative Language Through Pop Culture?

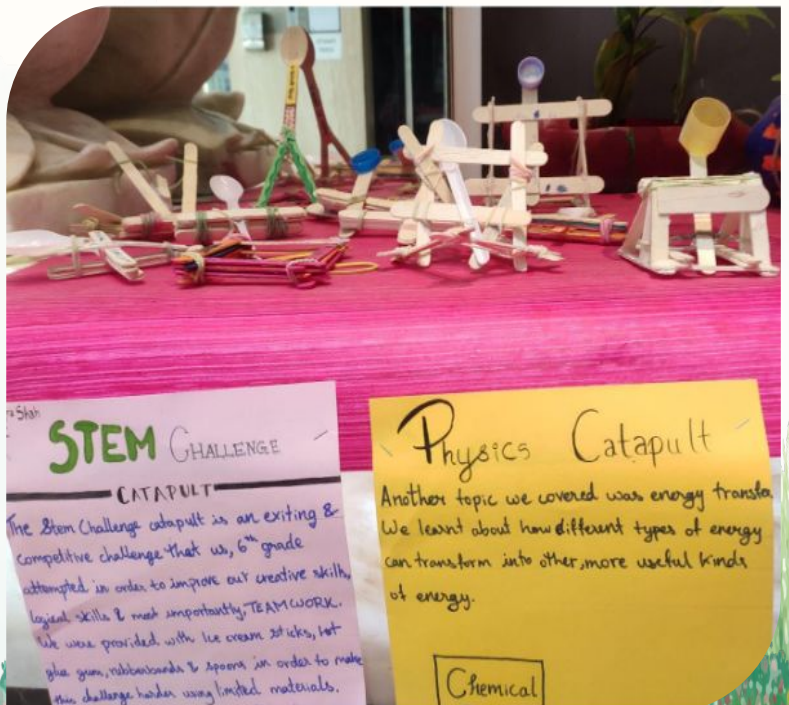
In a captivating exploration of language and creativity, Grade 8 students recently immersed themselves in the art of poster making. Drawing inspiration from popular culture, including movies, books, songs, and poems, each student selected a title and illustrated the corresponding figure of speech used within. This engaging activity not only allowed students to delve into their favorite aspects of pop culture but also provided a hands-on approach to understanding figurative language in English. By connecting the lesson to relatable content, the students not only enjoyed the process but also deepened their comprehension of rhetorical devices, reinforcing language skills with efficacy and ease.



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What is a Catapult Challenge?

Grade 6 students recently explored Energy Transfers in Physics through a STEM - Catapult Challenge. Collaboratively designing catapults in Art and Physics classes, students engaged in hands-on learning, testing, modifying, and improving their designs. This activity honed essential scientific skills, fostering a deeper understanding of the scientific method. The Catapult Challenge specifically targeted engineering, design, problem-solving, and critical-thinking skills. Students reflected on their learning, identifying strengths and areas for improvement. In conclusion, the STEM - Catapult Challenge provided an enjoyable and memorable experience, nurturing essential skills beyond the classroom and exemplifying our commitment to a holistic and engaging education in the world of STEM.



Nature's Nexus: Biology-ESS Fusion



At Nahar, interdisciplinary education is integral to our learning philosophy. A recent collaborative effort between Biology and ESS subjects in IBDP-1 exemplifies this commitment. Focused on common concepts, the session aimed to bridge the gap between organisms and their intricate relationship with the environment. The live demonstration empowered students to calculate species density using the Quadrat and Line Transect methods, mapping data outdoors. This immersive experience not only deepened our scientific understanding but also underscored the transformative potential of collaborative learning



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A Student's Guide to Conquering Stress and Procrastination

As we journey through our academic pursuits, we encounter a landscape teeming with academic challenges, burgeoning personal responsibilities, and the complexities of adolescence. Often, I find myself, and I'm sure many others do too, overwhelmed by the multitude of demands. Rather than succumbing to the weight of these circumstances, I've found it productive to rise above and conduct a quick error analysis: what is truly going wrong?

One glaring loophole in my approach has been the lack of effective time management. Allocating suitable time to each task remains a persistent struggle, but I recognize it as a gradual process. By meticulously planning my tasks for a given period, be it a day or a week, I've discovered that I can significantly lighten the burden on my shoulders by embracing organization. How? Simply by understanding what needs to be done and how to tackle it. Breaking it down into manageable tasks and allocating appropriate time slots has proven invaluable.

Most crucially, and often overlooked by all of us, is the simple act of getting it done. Granted, scrolling through your phone is far more enticing – I can't deny that. Yet, when confronted with the list of tasks that need completion to avoid last-minute stress, I can't help but muster the determination to get the work done. Is it painful? Undoubtedly. Is it helpful? Absolutely. This marks the beginning of a habit that may be irksome initially but will undoubtedly be appreciated in the long run. I, too, am in the process of mastering this practice, but the procedure itself is remarkably fruitful in reducing distress.

Remember, fellow students, that navigating stress and overcoming procrastination is an ongoing journey, and we're all in this together. As we strive for progress, let's celebrate each small victory and support one another along the way. Don't hesitate to reach out; seeking help is a sign of strength. Together, we can turn these challenges into stepping stones toward success. Keep pushing forward, and remember, your growth matters just as much as the destination. Here's to a resilient and empowered student community!

Parnika Agarwal
AS Level
Head Girl

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Learning Beyond Academics



Techno-Innova Innovators Soar

Dr. Pillai Global Academy, New Panvel, recently hosted the annual robotics and technology spectacle, Techno-Innova 1.0, showcasing the innovative prowess of young minds. Students from grades 6 to 9 demonstrated their technological acumen by creating projects and models designed to address specific problem statements.

A moment of pride emerged as Vihaan Pant and Samrat Nagasai from grade 6 clinched the coveted first prize in the Control Bot racing category. Their exceptional skills and determination propelled them to victory, showcasing not only their mastery in robotics but also the collaborative spirit fostered at DPGA.

Triumph at H.O.P.E

We are delighted to announce the remarkable success of our students at the 3rd Ecotopian Summit, "H.O.P.E. Jamnabai Narsee Monjee 2024 - Heal Our Planet Earth." The summit, which attracted participants from schools and individuals across the city, country, and beyond, served as a platform for the exchange of ideas to address and promote environmental concerns.

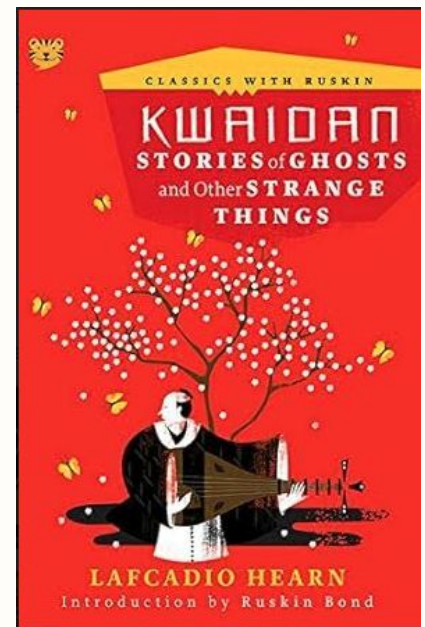
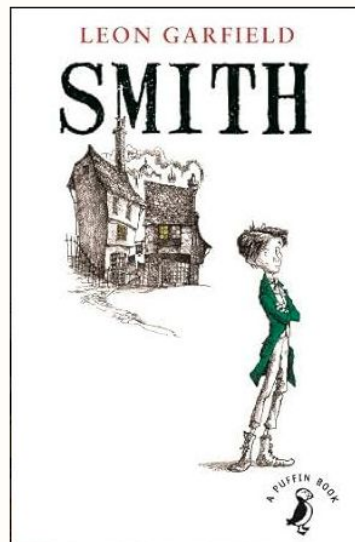
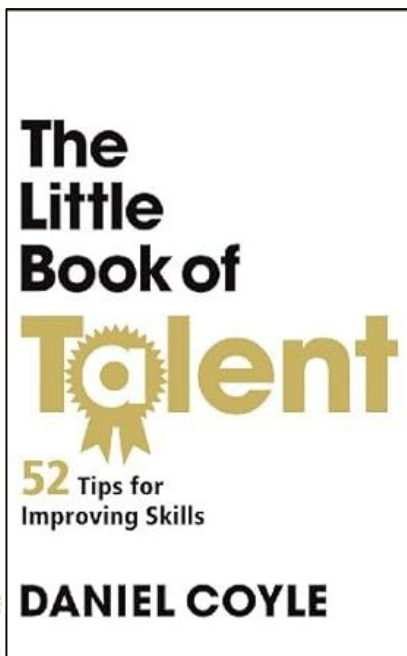
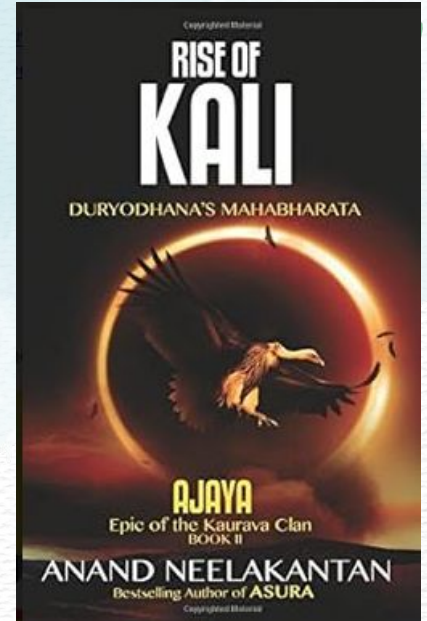
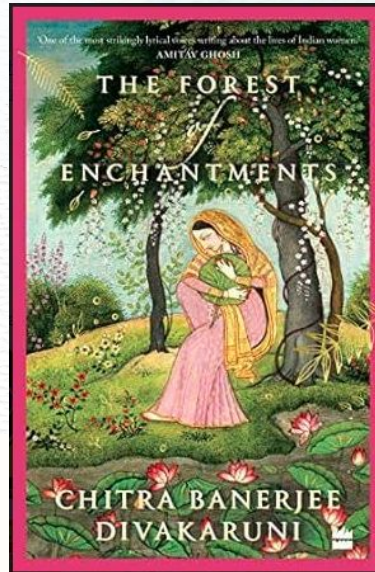
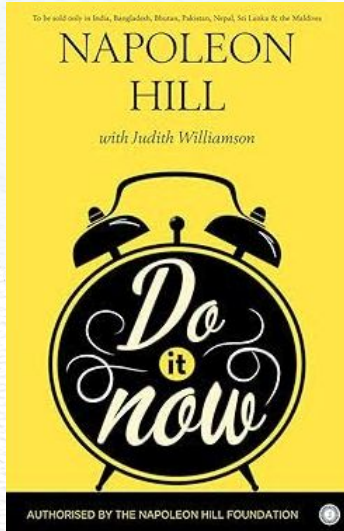
The event featured eminent keynote speakers and engaging activities centered around reimagining schools as engines for a sustainable future. We are especially proud to highlight the outstanding achievement of our students, Meher Raj, Premit Kathuria, and Shivani Desai, who clinched the 1st prize in the Sustainable Innovations category of the Innovation + Business Competition. Their dedication, creativity, and commitment to environmental sustainability truly set them apart.

As we continue to encourage and support our students in endeavors that align with our commitment to environmental consciousness, we look forward to more opportunities to contribute to a sustainable future.

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