



Bunts Sangha's  
S M Shetty International School and Junior College  
AN IB WORLD SCHOOL

# THE BUZZ

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" One of the biggest gift we can give our children is confidence."

# WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

**IEYC Annual day** The annual day celebration is a special event where kids showcase their talents through dance, speeches, and acting. They have put in a lot of effort to prepare for this day and always perform with enthusiasm. It was a joyous occasion that brought the whole school community together to celebrate the children's achievements.



# WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

**IEYC Graduation day** is a joyful milestone, a moment to celebrate their growth and achievements. They wear tiny caps and gowns, feeling proud and excited. It's a day to cherish friendships made and lessons learned, with families cheering them on. It marks the beginning of new adventures and the start of exciting journeys ahead.



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

## Celebrating Brilliance: SOF Prize Distribution Ceremony

**Abhir Ghalke** of **Checkpoint I** have secured an International Rank of 20, a Zonal Rank of 16 and a school rank of 1 in IMO (**International Mathematics Olympiad**). He has been awarded with a Medal of Distinction from SOF. We congratulate all the winners & participants who took part in the SOF exams.



We are delighted to announce that **Saket Ananthkrishnan** from **CP V D** has successfully passed the Grade 6 Guitar exam (in Rock and Pop) administered by Trinity College of London, showcasing his diligence and commitment. Congratulations, Saket, on this remarkable achievement!



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

## CRESCENDO Competition

Our Commerce students participated in CRESCENDO - A Commerce Competition organized by Podar International School. A total of 113 schools participated and it was indeed a close competition. The following students stood out victorious :

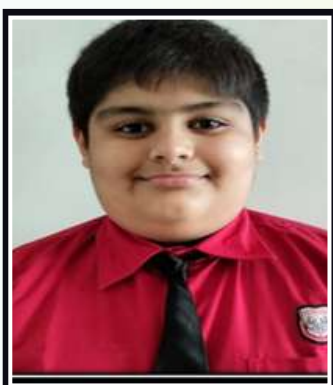
Second Position in Niti Shastra (CR-S) - Sankalp B & Pratham Thakkar (CR-J)

Third Position in Hire or Fire (CR-S) Simon Pol

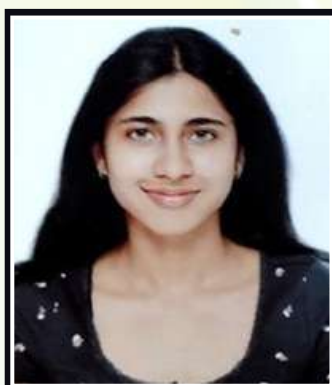
Third Position in Recessus Consensus (CR-S) Anya Patel.



**SANKALP BHARDWAJ OF**  
AS LEVEL  
2nd In NITI Shastra (CR-S)



**PRATHAM THAKKAR OF**  
IGCSE I  
2nd In NITI Shastra (CR-S)



**SIMONE POL OF**  
AS LEVEL  
3rd In Hire Or Fire (CR-S)



**ANYA PATEL OF**  
IBDP I  
3rd In Recessus  
Consensus (CR-J)



# MASTERMIND

**Hridaya Shetty**, our **CP IV** student, has achieved commendable recognition in the State Championship of the Student League organized by Mastermind. She attained an A grade in both Science and General Knowledge examinations. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Hridaya for this notable achievement.

Mastermind exam achievers demonstrate exceptional intellect, strategic thinking, and dedication to their academic pursuits. Their ability to solve complex problems and excel sets them apart as leaders and innovators in their respective fields. With their determination and relentless pursuit of excellence, they inspire others to reach their full potential and make meaningful contributions to society.

**IEYC students Viaan Sawant secured 1st rank in G. K. and 3rd rank in EVS, Ruhi Kamat secured 1st rank in English and 3rd rank in EVS, Ojas Chandra secured 3rd rank in EVS and Adhrit Rao secured 3rd rank in G.K., and also Hridaya Shetty of CP IV** has achieved commendable recognition at State Level.



**Ayaan Ram**, our **CP IV** student won 2 Golds and 1 Bronze in Aerobics, Acrobatics and Rhythmic Gymnastics District Championship competition, Mumbai and is now qualified for the State level competition. Congratulations Ayaan

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHERS

An enriching and informative session on **Underpinning Key Pedagogies of First Language English Resources** was conducted by **Ms. Achamma Mathew** and **Ms. Manisha Nanda** on **April 12th 2024**, for the English teachers in both the CP section and lower secondary. The session delved into the Cambridge curriculum framework, strategies for optimizing Cambridge resources, and valuable teaching practices.



An orientation session on **SHIN Program**, a Japanese style experiential holistic group learning program was conducted by **Mr Takehiro Nakamura** for CP teachers on **30th, April 2024**. This program has the potential to significantly enhance not only children's academic skills but also their non-cognitive abilities.



A poetry writing competition for teachers was held in school, inviting entries in any language. Teachers showcased their creativity and linguistic skills, submitting diverse and inspiring poems. The event celebrated the artistic talents of teachers, fostering a vibrant literary community and encouraging the integration of poetry in education.

Winners :

1. Harleen Kaur - Echoes of Mortality
2. Harleen Kaur - life of a Military Wife
3. Hitiksha Thakar- Echoes of Warrior's soul
4. Ritika Pujabi and Poonam Mhatre Received Special Mention



# OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHERS

On the **15th of April, 2024**, **Dr Harish Shetty**, renowned psychiatrist, and speaker, conducted a captivating session focusing on how memories influence present life and behavioural patterns. Through his unique approach, Dr. Shetty seamlessly interwove humorous anecdotes from Bollywood with insightful reflections on the significance of memories.



The **Global Perspective training session on April 18, 2024**, led by facilitators **Ms. Achama Mathew** and **Ms. Madhvi Nagviskar**, was incredibly enlightening for teachers. Their engaging approach, well-structured content, and insightful guidance fostered lively discussions and promoted active learning. They demonstrated effective teaching methods, maintained clear communication, and ensured a welcoming atmosphere throughout, resulting in a highly beneficial workshop.





# OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHERS

## Initiatives for staff welfare-

### Health Check-up Camp on Women's Day-

On the occasion of **International Women's Day**, a **Health Check-up Camp** was organized on **11th March 2024**, to celebrate and prioritize the well-being of women. The camp aimed to provide health screenings and consultations. With the participation of experienced healthcare professionals and volunteers, women of all ages were encouraged to attend and take charge of their health. The event fostered empowerment and awareness, ensuring that women had access to vital information and resources to lead healthier lives.



The **Annual staff picnic** was held on **20th April, 2024**, at **Shangri-La Resort**. The day was filled with relaxation and camaraderie, with the refreshing pool being the highlight of the event. The lush surroundings provided a perfect backdrop for the staff to take a break from their daily routines and enjoy some leisure time. Various engaging games were organized to foster team spirit and laughter throughout the day. We extend our sincere gratitude to the school management for their thoughtful organization, which ensured that every staff member had a memorable outing.



Our school hosted a **Breast Cancer Awareness Session** for the teachers on **1st May 2024**. The session aimed to educate faculty members about breast cancer prevention, detection, and support resources. Led by **Dr. Saneya Pandrowala Shetty, an Oncologist, at Tata Memorial Hospital**, the session covered topics such as risk factors, early signs, screening methods, and lifestyle choices that may reduce the risk of breast cancer. Teachers actively engaged in learning about the importance of regular screenings and self-examinations. Overall, the event fostered a supportive environment for dialogue and empowerment, equipping teachers with valuable knowledge to promote breast health within the school community.



Management of Buntis Sangha's  
S M Shetty Educational Institutions, Powai  
has Organised a  
**Breast Cancer  
Awareness Session**  
by  
**Dr. Saneya Pandrowala Shetty**  
MBBS, MS (General Surgery), MCh Surgical Oncology (Tata  
Memorial Hospital), DNB Surgical Oncology, NPB Surgical  
Oncology Fellowship (Tata Memorial Hospital), MRCS (Edinburgh).  
in  
Association with  
Dr. Chintan Hogde  
(Medical Sub Committee Chairman-PEC 2023-26)

Day and Date: **Wednesday, 1st May 2024**  
Time: **8.30 am onwards**  
Venue: **R N Shetty Indoor Auditorium**  
(Buntis Sangha's  
S M Shetty Educational Institutions  
Complex)

# EVENTS AT IEYC

**World Wildlife Day**, is celebrated to raise awareness about the importance of protecting Earth's diverse wildlife and their habitats. Students were shown a movie of "Endangered Species".



**Holi** at our school is a blast! Kids wear white and play with organic powder colours. We had fun with colours, danced, and sang. It's a day filled with laughter, joy, and spreading love.



# NO BAG DAY AT IEYC

On 28<sup>th</sup> of March, 2024, No Bag Day, was a fun and refreshing break for kids, where they left their heavy bags at home to enjoy a day filled with creative activities and interactive learning. It was a joyful and relaxed day for the kids.



# LETTER LAND PARTY

IEYC students recently engaged in a vibrant Letterland Party. Children enthusiastically dressed up as Letterlanders' and spoke featuring beloved Letterland characters, such as Clever Cat or Jumping Jim, magical e, Arthur 'ar' and yellow yo-yo man in place of vowel men 'I'. This activity aimed to foster creativity, confidence, and public speaking skills, encouraging a lively and supportive atmosphere. The event successfully promoted self-expression and literacy appreciation among participants.



# POTLUCK PARTY AT IEYC

IEYC students had a delightful potluck party, where kids shared a variety of dishes close to their hearts. The atmosphere was filled with joy as they danced, hugged, and clicked pictures with their teachers, feeling a mix of excitement for the holidays and a hint of sadness at saying goodbye. It was a day filled with love, gratitude, and cherished memories.



# EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

On the **19th of April**, a **Blessing Ceremony** was organized for **IBDP Year II** students, gearing up for their upcoming Board exams. Teachers blessed students with a Tikka ceremony, followed by inspiring speeches from the Principal, IBDP coordinator, and the Vice Principal. Students were encouraged to stay resilient and cherish the lessons learned from the DP program throughout their lives.



The **Theory of Knowledge exhibition** presented by **IBDP Year I** students on the **22nd of April** successfully portrayed nurturing inquiry-based learning by fostering an environment where students questioned knowledge, explored global issues, and developed an open mindset. Through the exhibition, students demonstrated their ability to engage with complex problems and take responsible actions as future global citizens, reflecting the core principles of the International Baccalaureate (IB) program.



# EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Through a kaleidoscope of colours , IBDP students conducted a vibrant **Holi celebration** on **5th March, 2024**. They used homemade organic colors, blending tradition with modernity, reflecting the IB Learner Profile attributes of being open-minded, reflective and responsible global citizens. The celebrations were made extra special with sharing of sweets and colours and blessings from the support staff who wholeheartedly joined students in embracing the spirit of Holi, a celebration of love, laughter, and new beginnings, rooted in the cultural values of the IB Learners.



The topic of sex and sexuality can be a hard and uncomfortable topic for both adults and children. A session on '**Break the wall of silence**' was conducted by Ms. Anju Kish, founder of **Untaboo - Safety and Sex Education Company**. Parents & teachers acquired invaluable insights and tools to assist their children in comprehending their bodies and manoeuvring through the challenges of adolescence. The session concluded with parents feeling better equipped and empowered to initiate candid conversations with their children.



# COMPETITIONS

The **Solo Dance Competition** was conducted for the students of **Checkpoint I & II** and **Cambridge Primary** on **28th February and 4th March** respectively. Their lively showcase of youthful talent captivated the audience with their expressive choreography and skilful movements. Judges evaluated the performances based on technique, originality, and stage presence, fostering confidence among students. Congratulations to all participants for their outstanding performances. The winners :

Grade	First Position	Second Position	Third Position	Consolation
CP I - afternoon	Manshvi Gupta	Rajvika Helekar	Ovi Satam	Mishti Jain
CP II - afternoon	Giansh Singh	Keya Mhatre	Bhavi Thakur	Kriyansh Mehta
CP III Morning	Maisha Shaikh	Vaani Patel	-	-
CP III afternoon	Ishwari Said	Ridhima Deb	Henil Jambusaria	Hetanashi Jadhav
CP IV Morning	Hazell Soni	Hridaya Shetty	Viyona Jain	Kayra Bhamgara
CP V Morning	Kavya Parab	Pehel Mehta	Ishita Kotian	Shanaya Fernandes
CP IV & V - afternoon	Anvita Dewadiga	Palak Gantayat	Aishwarya Swamy	-
Checkpoi nt I	Vedanshi Ate	Vanshi Tiwari	Vihaan Varshneya	-
Checkpoi nt II	Jiyona Bhatt	Sahiti Patnaik	Maan Thadani	-





# COMPETITIONS

Special Mention was bagged by Aanya Thakkar of Checkpoint I C and Kiyara Khedekar of Checkpoint II B.



# ACTIVE LEARNING

Teachers from both the **English and French** departments came together for a collaborative session in **Checkpoint I** classes. They talked about French words that are used in English. They discussed where these words come from and what they mean. The session showed how different subjects can connect and help us learn more about languages and cultures. It was an opportunity for teachers to collaborate and make learning more engaging for students.



In their **Global Perspective** class, the children of **Checkpoint I** made informative posters about topics like **Migration**. This helped them understand various viewpoints on a global, national, and local scale. The project also improved important skills such as **researching, analyzing, working together, and communicating effectively**. These activities encouraged students to learn more about complex global problems and expand their knowledge.



A **collaborative math and art project** titled "**Number Art**" was conducted for **CP I** students wherein they were taught to creatively depict various shapes and figures using numbers ranging from 1 to 9. This interdisciplinary activity aimed to reinforce numerical understanding while fostering artistic expression and creativity in young learners.



# ACTIVE LEARNING

CP I students had an immersive, hands-on learning opportunity as they crafted various landforms from clay, simultaneously delving into the **STEM** subject of different geographical features. The activity aimed to foster creativity while reinforcing understanding of **Earth's diverse landscapes**.



CP II students immersed themselves in active learning, gaining hands-on experience with concepts such as **length, area, perimeter, mass, capacity, and temperature**. Through collaborative, engaging and practical experiments, they explored these fundamental **mathematical and scientific principles**, fostering a deeper understanding of measurement and its applications in real-world contexts. This interdisciplinary approach aimed to make learning both meaningful and memorable for young learners.



# ACTIVE LEARNING

During an active learning session in **CP II**, students created an '**Emotion Wheel**' to articulate their feelings in various situations and proposed solutions for coping with them, all within the context of the **STEM** topic of **emotions and feelings**. This engaging activity encouraged self-reflection and problem-solving skills development.



In **CP II STEM** class focusing on the topic **sound**, students embarked on a creative project where they crafted **musical instruments** using recycled materials. This hands-on activity not only allowed them to explore the science behind sound production but also encouraged environmental awareness. Through experimentation and innovation, students gained a deeper understanding of acoustics while showcasing their resourcefulness in sustainability.



My Fraction house Students of **CP III** did an activity on Fractions topic where they made fraction houses out of origami paper, which helped them recall the concept of fractions.



# TEAM GREEN

## Green Championship Trophy bagged by the students of S M Shetty International School and Junior College

We are thrilled to announce that our in-house **Conserve My Planet (CMP)** team has clinched the **Green Championship Trophy** for Mumbai on **2nd February 2024**. It's a testament to the hard work and dedication of all members of **Team Green**.

The commendable achievements reflect the unwavering commitment of the team in the **School Health Annual Report Programme (SHARP)**, a venerable 22-year-old NGO dedicated to the holistic development of children, in collaboration with the **Schneider Electric Foundation**.

This trophy was accompanied by a plethora of other distinguished awards, including:

1. Green Championship Trophy & Award
2. Energy Star School Award
3. Best Green Practices Award from Mumbai - Ms. Huzaifah Bhaldar (Team Green Teacher Coordinator)
4. Best School Participation Award
5. Green Ambassador Award & School Championships Award - Aditya Agrawal (Grade 7)
6. Top 4 Participants - Aditya Agarwal & Ananya Harish (Grade 7)
7. Best Booklet for Energy saving - Janay Mukherjee (Grade 5)

Special recognition was conferred upon to the School Green Ambassador Teachers:

- Ms. Huzaifah Bhaldar
- Ms. Saira Shaikh
- Ms. Mehek Khan
- Ms. Ritika Punjabi

We take pride in these outstanding accomplishments and the remarkable impact on the journey towards sustainability!



# SNEAK PEAK INTO IEYC

On 4th April, 2024 Students of IEYC I, II, and III finished with their 4th Unit of Learning.

## IEYC I - MINDFUL PLAY



## IEYC II - ANIMAL RESCUERS



## IEYC III - BRILLIANT BUG BALL



# SNEAK PEAK INTO IEYC

## ROUTINE RHYTHMS



## MEDITATIVE MUNCHING



## GRATITUDE APPRECIATION DAY



## LAUGHTER YOGA



## MESSY MARVELS



# SNEAK PEAK INTO IEYC

## MINDFUL WALK



## COOL MANGO MIXUP



## DICE UP YOUR YOGA



## FUN WITH TRIANGLE





# SNEAK PEAK INTO IEYC

## ANIMAL PLAY



## BLACK AND WHITE ANIMAL ADVENTURE



## DESERT SAFARI



## ICE IGLOO ADVENTURE



# SNEAK PEAK INTO IEYC

## NEST WEAVING



## MONACO TOPPING DELIGHT



## POLAR ADVENTURE



## SAVE ANIMAL CAMPAIGN



# SNEAK PEAK INTO IEYC

## REFLECTIVE BUTTERFLIES



## CLAY MINIBEASTS



## BUTTERFLY JOURNEY



## THE POLLINATION CONNECTION



# SNEAK PEAK INTO IEYC

## LIFE IN THE POND



## BOTTLE BUGS



## MINIBEAST PARTY

