



NLK'S AKHBAR

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PRINCIPAL'S INSIGHT : NURTURING MINDS, BUILDING DREAMS

Dear Students,

As we embark on another academic year, I am filled with excitement and pride to see our vibrant community come together once again. Our school is a mosaic of different cultures, backgrounds, and perspectives, each contributing to the rich tapestry that makes our institution unique. Celebrating diversity is not just about recognizing our differences but about embracing and learning from them. It is through understanding and appreciating our varied experiences that we cultivate a more inclusive, empathetic, and innovative environment. Our diversity is our strength, and it is what prepares us to thrive in a global society.

This year, we will continue to honor and celebrate the diverse voices within our community through various programs, events, and classroom activities. From cultural festivals and heritage months to inclusive curriculum and open dialogues, we aim to create a space where every student feels seen, heard, and valued. I encourage each of you to take this opportunity to learn from one another, to step out of your comfort zones, and to engage in meaningful conversations. By doing so, we not only enrich our own lives but also contribute to a more harmonious and understanding world. Together, let's celebrate our diversity with pride and gratitude, and let it inspire us to achieve great things. I look forward to witnessing the incredible growth and connections that will emerge from our collective efforts.

Warm regards,

- Ms. Pallavi Chandra, Branch Head



ECHOES OF FREEDOM : INTER-BRANCH POETRY COMPETITION

The "Echoes of Freedom" Inter-branch Poetry Competition was a heartwarming and inspiring event exclusively featuring the talents of our **Grade 1 and 2 students**. This unique competition provided youngest learners a wonderful platform to express their creative thoughts on the profound theme of freedom. It was a beautiful celebration of their emerging poetic abilities and their understanding of the essence of liberty, courage, and unity.

Students from various branches came together, each presenting their original poems that captured the essence of freedom in their innocent yet insightful words. The event encouraged our young poets to explore their imaginations and articulate their feelings about freedom in a nurturing and supportive environment.

The judges evaluated the entries based on creativity, expression, and relevance to the theme. The "Echoes of Freedom" competition not only ignited a love for poetry among the participants but also instilled an early appreciation for the freedoms we cherish, making it a memorable and enriching experience for all.



FOUNDER'S DAY

"A school is not just a building, but a legacy of knowledge, values and dreams, all thanks to our founder's dedication."

Founder's Day is a significant occasion commemorating the vision and dedication of the pioneers who established our esteemed institution. This day honors the legacy of our founders whose foresight and commitment laid the foundation for the academic excellence and community spirit we cherish today. It serves as a moment of reflection and gratitude, celebrating their contributions and the enduring values they instilled.

Each year, Founder's Day reminds us of the progress we have made and the aspirations we continue to pursue. It is an opportunity for students, staff, and alumni to come together, celebrate our history, and renew our commitment to the ideals that define our school. Through various activities, including speeches, performances, and community service, we pay tribute to our founders' remarkable achievements and inspire future generations to uphold their legacy of innovation, perseverance, and excellence.



THE TORCH BEARERS : LIGHTING THE PATH AHEAD

We gathered to celebrate the Investiture Ceremony, marking a significant milestone for our school community. In the presence of proud parents, our student council was officially formed, with each member receiving their designated titles and duties.

The event began with a welcome address, highlighting the importance of leadership and responsibility. As each student stepped forward to receive their badge of office, awarded by the Principal Ma'am, the audience applauded, recognizing the honor and responsibility bestowed upon them. The council members pledged to uphold the values of our school, promising to lead with integrity, respect, and commitment.

Adding to the day's festivities, the school choir delivered a captivating performance that filled the hall with harmony and spirit, showcasing the musical talent within our school. Parents beamed with pride as they witnessed their children embrace these new roles. The ceremony concluded with a motivational speech, inspiring all students to strive for excellence and contribute positively to our school community. This Investiture Ceremony not only marked the beginning of a new chapter for our student leaders but also reaffirmed our school's commitment to nurturing responsible & capable individuals.



LITTLE STORY, LAND DAY

Little Story Land Day at our preschool is a magical celebration designed to spark imagination and creativity in our youngest learners. This enchanting day transforms our classrooms into a vibrant storybook world where beloved tales come to life. Every child is invited to dress up as their favourite storybook character, bringing a personal touch to the festivities.

Throughout the day, students participate in a variety of activities that foster a love for reading and storytelling. From interactive story sessions and puppet shows to creative crafts and role-playing games, every activity is designed to engage young minds and nurture their innate curiosity.





नटखट नंदलाला

Janmashtami, the joyous festival marking the birth of Lord Krishna, is celebrated with great enthusiasm and devotion at NLK Public School. This vibrant event brings together students, teachers, and parents to honor the divine playfulness and wisdom of Krishna, fostering a deep sense of cultural pride and spirituality among our community.

The highlight of the celebration is the "Matki Phod" event, where young participants form human pyramids to break the clay pot, recreating the playful antics of Krishna and his friends. Janmashtami at NLK Public School is not just a celebration but a learning experience, teaching students the values of love, compassion, and righteousness that Lord Krishna embodies. It's a day that reinforces our cultural heritage and brings the entire school community together in a spirit of joy and devotion.



GREET, WHEN YOU MEET

India is incredibly diverse, and the way people greet each other can vary widely across different regions. Here are some common styles of greetings from various parts of India :

1. Namaste - North India, Central India, and parts of South India
2. Sat Sri Akal - Punjab
3. Vanakkam - Tamil Nadu
4. Kem Cho - Gujarat
5. Adaab - Uttar Pradesh, Bihar
6. Jai Jagannath - Odisha
7. Haanji - Punjab
8. Sassriakal - Haryana
9. Dhanyavaad - Various regions, including North and Central India
10. Ramul Pompom - Meghalaya
11. Maalik Saheb - Maharashtra
12. Aadaab Arz Hai - Hyderabad
13. Jai Johar - Chhattisgarh
14. Konnichhiwa - Assam
15. Shubhodaya - West Bengal

CUISINE FROM NLK'S CHEF

Punjabi Chole (Chickpea Curry), a popular vegetarian dish from the Indian state of Punjab. Chole is a flavourful and nutritious curry made with chickpeas and a blend of aromatic spices.

INGREDIENTS

1 cup dried chickpeas (or 2 cups canned chickpeas), 2 large onions, finely chopped, 2 large tomatoes pureed, 1 tbsp ginger-garlic paste, 2 green chilies, slit, 2 tbsp oil, 1 tsp cumin seeds, 1 bay leaf, 1 tsp turmeric powder, 1 tsp red chili powder, 1 tsp coriander powder, 1 tsp cumin powder, 1 tsp garam masala, 1 tsp chole masala (optional), Salt to taste, Fresh coriander leaves, chopped (for garnish), Lemon wedges (for serving)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Prepare the Chickpeas:**
 - If using dried chickpeas, rinse them thoroughly and soak them in water overnight.
 - Drain the soaked chickpeas and cook them in a pressure cooker with enough water and a pinch of salt until they are soft (about 20-25 minutes). If using canned chickpeas, drain and rinse them.
2. **Cook the Base:**
 - Heat oil in a large pan or pot over medium heat.
 - Add cumin seeds and bay leaf, and let them sizzle for a few seconds.
 - Add the finely chopped onions and sauté until they turn golden brown.
 - Add the ginger-garlic paste and slit green chilies, and sauté for another 2-3 minutes until the raw smell disappears.
3. **Add the Tomatoes and Spices:**
 - Add the pureed tomatoes to the pan and cook until the oil starts to separate from the masala (about 5-7 minutes).
 - Add turmeric powder, red chili powder, coriander powder, cumin powder, garam masala, and chole masala (if using). Mix well and cook for another 2-3 minutes.
4. **Combine Chickpeas with the Masala:**
 - Add the cooked chickpeas to the pan along with some of the cooking water or plain water to achieve the desired consistency.
 - Stir well and bring the mixture to a boil. Reduce the heat and let it simmer for 10-15 minutes, allowing the flavors to blend.
 - Garnish the chole with freshly chopped coriander leaves.

