



THE BISHOP'S CO-ED SCHOOL, KALYANI NAGAR, PUNE

SCOUTS AND GUIDES REPORT

“We must change boys from a ‘what can I get’ to a ‘what can I give’ attitude.”



Welcome to the adventurous world of Scouts and Guides, where courage, teamwork and outdoor exploration come together to shape resilient and resourceful individuals.

The year 2023-2024 was an eventful year for the Scouts and Guides of our school. It commenced with Pravesh exams being taken for those who had joined the previous year. We are grateful to Scout Master Mr. Hanif Somji who took extra effort to ensure all were prepared for these tests and himself helped in the testing of the Scouts and Guides. The investiture ceremony for these Scouts and Guides was held on 25th March, 2023.

This year Cubs and Bulbuls for classes 3 to 5 were introduced. 60 students enrolled for Scouts and Guides and 72 students for Cubs and Bulbuls this year. Gayatri Ratnaparkhi and Madhusudan John were nominated for the post of Guide Prefect and Scout Prefect respectively. Kyra Irani and Shaurya Chanda were assigned the post of Troop leaders.





An Intensive Training Camp was held on the 1st April, 2023. Scout Master Mr. Hanif Somji, National Trainer Mr. John Raphael and Guides Commissioner Mrs. Nirmala conducted sessions. It was a valuable opportunity for skill development and team building.

The Scouts and Guides are divided into patrols. Each Patrol has a Patrol Leader. The system of patrols is a fundamental structure that promotes teamwork and camaraderie. Each patrol is a small group of members who work together, share responsibilities, support one another, fostering a sense of unity and collaboration within the larger Scout or Guide troop.



On 24th June, 2023, an intensive training camp was held. Scout Master Mr. Hanif Somji and Mr. Mark Fernandes and Guide Captain Rita Sequeira took sessions with both the Scouts and Guides. These sessions were on First aid, flag drill, life skills, etc.

On 28th July, 2023, an Inter Patrol Fireless cooking activity was held. Organizing a fireless cooking competition involves participants preparing creative and delicious dishes without using an open flame. The patrols were given 30 minutes to prepare the menu decided earlier by them. All the patrols showed excellent creativity and team work to prepare different items like Bhel, Chana Jor, Sandwiches, Papdi Chat, Chaas, lemonade etc. They were judged by Mrs. Jyotika Shinde and Mrs. Bhawna Kukreja. The efforts put in by each patrol in bringing the entire event together was well appreciated by the judges.



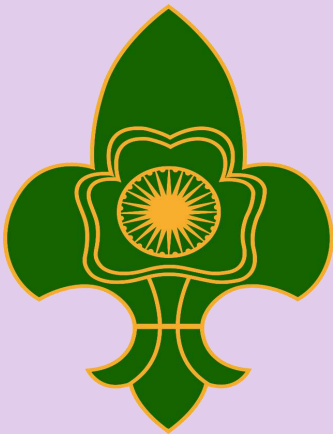
Visiting the war memorial is a poignant experience that encapsulates the sacrifice and valour of those who laid down their lives for the nation. On 12th August, 2023, 46 Scouts and Guides visited the War Memorial. The memorial stands as a solemn tribute to the brave soldiers who fought selflessly in various conflicts. Scout Master, Mr. Mark Fernandes made the visit more meaningful with his insights. The visit left an indelible impression, fostering a deeper appreciation for the freedom safeguarded by the unyielding spirit of the armed forces.



The investiture ceremony is a solemn occasion where newcomers take their first steps into the Scouts and Guides journey. On 16th September, 2023, the Investiture ceremony for the Scouts and Guides was held during assembly on the school ground. The Scouts and Guides receiving the Pravesh and Pratham badges came in impeccable uniform for the ceremony. The ceremony involves the recitation of the Scouts and Guides promise, the pinning of the group badge and the presentation of the scarf. Their parents were present to witness this solemn occasion.

The Scouts and Guides were present for the Inter House Swimming Meet and the Sports day. They welcomed the chief guest with the general salute and assisted in the smooth functioning of the event.

The patrol leaders had a Training Camp at the District Centre on 12th October, 2023, 3 Scouts and 5 Guides attended this session. This camp helped empower and develop leadership skills. Through workshops, outdoor activities, and team-building exercises, patrol leaders gained insights into effective communication, problem-solving and decision making. These patrol leaders then shared their experience with the other Scouts and Guides.



“A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room.”

- Baden Powell

The Annual Overnight Camp was held on the 13th and 14th January, 2024. It was attended by 42 Scouts and Guides.

The camp commenced with the flag hoisting ceremony under the leadership of Troop leaders Kyra Irani and Ryan Cardoz, supported by Shrutika Nambiar a Patrol Leader.

The patrols then cooked their breakfast with fire using wood as fuel. Dosa, appam, maggi, toasted sandwiches, cutlets, tea and coffee were prepared over 4 stoves.

Scout Master Mr. Dilip Navase and Guide Captain Shama Ma'am took a session on knots.

National Trainer, Mr. John Raphael took a session on First Aid which was followed by a session on Gadget making. In the evening, they took part in a treasure hunt organized by Guide Captain Rita Sequeira. This was followed by the camp fire. Each patrol had prepared a skit, a dance and a song. The Bonfire was attended by National Trainer Mr. John Raphael, Scout Master, Mr. Hanif Somji and the other teachers. The bonfire lasted till 10 p.m. The following day after breakfast Prize Distribution ceremony took place. Ishnavi Kapadia and Rishikesh Vishwasrao were adjudged the best Guide Camper the best Scout Camper respectively.

At the end of the camp the Scouts and Guides left with a profound sense of camaraderie, personal growth, and a collection of cherished memories.

On the 19th January, 2024, the Cubs and Bulbuls had Fireless Cooking Activity. They were divided into 4 groups and each group was asked to prepare a mocktail, a main dish and a dessert. The students came up with amazing ideas. They prepared Tacos, Club sandwiches, Bhel and more. The Shahi Tukda and cake popsicles added a lot of sweetness to the event. The Peacock team was declared the winner.

Keeping in mind the growing numbers of Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Bulbuls, six more teachers have undergone the 7 days Training. Ms. Sasha Francis and Ms. Adriana Barren as Flock Leaders, Ms. Sharon Dass as Guide Captain, Mr. Jaison Wheeler and Mr. Gregory Paul as Cub Masters and Mr. Tushar Mahamuni as Scout Master.

In conclusion, this annual report reflects the collective achievements, growth and commitment of our Scouts and Guides. As we look ahead, we remain dedicated to empowering young minds, building character, fostering a spirit of leadership that will continue to positively impact our communities. We extend our gratitude to The Principal, Mr. Ashley Eates, Headmaster, Mr. Merwyn Rodricks and Headmistress Mrs. Christina Dunn for their constant support and guidance.



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