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Highlights from Our school's Journey

Compassion: This Year As our school continues to expand and thrive in this dynamic year, we took a bold step forward by launching our innovative STAGE CRAFT Program. This initiative transformed our auditorium into a vibrant stage for creativity and social change, where students scripted, directed, and performed compelling dramas centered on vital social messages—such as environmental conservation, gender equality, and mental health awareness. Through immersive rehearsals children perfected their emotional and physical self-control under the spotlight while stepping into others' shoes to cultivate deep empathy. These experiences not only develop students' social consciousness but also impacted their outlook, spreading awareness to parents, peers, and the local community during packed evening shows. By turning real-world issues into powerful narratives, the program elevated performing arts into a dynamic platform for personal transformation and collective societal impact. A single hand cannot create the sound of applause; likewise, the unwavering guidance of our dedicated teachers—nurturing and supporting our students—yields truly rewarding results.

मुलुंड शिक्षण प्रसारक मंडळाचा स्टेज क्राफ्ट उपक्रम

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'स्टेज क्राफ्ट' ला दिमाखदार सुरुवात

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Empowering Young Leaders Through the Interact Club As a landmark move we established the Interact Club in proud affiliation with Rotary Club of Mulund. Today World School is equipping students with the tools to lead and innovate at the school level. This youth-led group quickly blossomed, organizing workshops on community service that engaged over 50 participants. The club's pinnacle moment arrived in December, proclaiming the "Month of Caring and Giving" to honor our founder's vision of joyful service. With enthusiasm, our young leaders orchestrated a clothes donation drive, collecting over 500 kilograms of gently used garments from students, staff, and families in just two weeks. These were gratefully donated to Global Green Resonance, an NGO dedicated to supporting underprivileged communities through eco-friendly rehabilitation programs. As one club member reflected, "Seeing families receive warm clothes on a cold day made us feel like real changemakers." Though their effort might appear as a single drop in the ocean of need, it sparked joy and momentum—proving that collective drops from compassionate hearts will one day swell into tomorrow's vast ocean of transformative change. These milestones reflect our unwavering commitment to holistic education, blending creativity, competition, and compassion to nurture well-rounded global citizens. As we look ahead, we're excited to build on this foundation with even more programs.



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Showcasing Talent and Triumphs in Competitions. A major highlight was our students spirited participation in a series of inter-school competitions, from Vocals and Dancing to Drawing and painting, putting our talented team on a grander stage. While we didn't claim victory in every event but these experiences delivered priceless lessons. We dissected the root causes of setbacks, like refining presentation skills or adapting strategies mid-competition, ultimately converting "losses" into stepping stones for resilience and excellence. Our students truly dazzled in the Drawing Competition and Science Exhibition, These achievements, judged by esteemed panels cemented our reputation at the ward level. We beamed with pride at the award ceremony and students returned inspired. Winning taught them that curiosity plus teamwork equals innovation. These successes not only boosted school spirit but also motivated our community to dream bigger.

Raksha Bandhan

A Day of Unity and Respect

On August 8, 2025, our school celebrated Raksha Bandhan, a day that beautifully blended tradition with a strong sense of patriotism. The event started with students tying rakhis on each other's wrists, a heartwarming symbol of friendship and unity that brought our school community closer. The highlight of the day was the DIY rakhi-making activity for our soldiers. With colorful threads and beads, students crafted rakhis for the brave men and women who protect our country. This small gesture was a powerful way for us to show our gratitude and respect. By sending these handmade rakhis, we hope to remind our soldiers that they are always in our thoughts. The celebration was a perfect reminder that festivals aren't just about rituals; they're about connecting with people and honoring those who deserve our thanks. It was a day that truly showed the spirit of love and duty.



Theatrical Tale Competition

On August 14th, our school organised a Theatrical Tale Drama Competition on "Mythology and Science." Students from all grades participated, exploring the fascinating connections between ancient myths and modern scientific principles. The objective of the competition was to encourage students to think critically and creatively about how seemingly disparate fields like mythology and science can be interconnected. The event was a spectacular display of creativity and talent, and we were honoured to have the esteemed presence and acknowledgment of Mr. Rajiv Vengurlekar with us to enlighten the day.

Each performance served as a bridge between these two seemingly separate fields, showcasing their shared quest for knowledge and understanding. Through their research and performances, students learned to identify the scientific principles embedded within ancient myths, such as the mythological explanations for natural phenomena that are now understood through physics, astronomy, and biology. They developed a deeper appreciation for the historical context of scientific discovery and the human desire to explain the world around them, whether through storytelling or empirical observation.

This event proved a resounding success, revealing how mythology and science form two sides of the same coin through links between ancient myths and contemporary scientific concepts. It highlighted the students' dedication and the school's innovative ethos, creating a memorable learning .



Independence Day Celebration

August 15th was a day filled with great enthusiasm and patriotic spirit. The celebration began with melodious patriotic songs, followed by the hoisting of our Indian National Flag. Students also delivered meaningful speeches highlighting the importance of independence and national unity. On this auspicious occasion, we successfully released another edition of Excelsior, skilfully written by the students of DYD World School.

This year marked the 79th year of India's independence from British rule, and it was a moment of immense pride for all of us. Freedom is a precious blessing that every individual has the right to enjoy.

The celebration reminded our students of the great sacrifices made by our freedom fighters and helped them understand the value of the independence we proudly enjoy today



Teacher's Day

Teachers' Day is a day dedicated to honouring the invaluable contribution teachers make in shaping our lives. On 5th September, our school celebrated Teachers' Day with great enthusiasm. On this occasion, Grade X students were given the responsibility of making the day memorable by stepping into the roles of our beloved teachers and entertaining them. The celebration began by dividing our teachers into teams, followed by a series of exciting tasks and games such as Guess the Word, acting, singing, and many more. Watching our teachers showcase their hidden talents, enthusiasm, and youthful spirit was truly entertaining. The event provided a wonderful opportunity for students and teachers to bond outside the classroom. To conclude the celebration, students presented handmade cards to their teachers as tokens of appreciation. The atmosphere was filled with joy and gratitude, reflecting the deep respect and admiration for the educators.



Navratri Celebration

On 1st October, Our School organized the Navratri event. Its significance lies in celebrating the divine feminine and the triumph of good over evil, specifically goddess Durga's victory over the demon. It was a vibrant and culturally enriching event that brought students together to celebrate the festive spirit of Garba. Students were beautifully dressed as mythological characters. The goal of the day was to promote cultural understanding and unity among students. The true highlight of the celebration was the energetic "Garba" that created a lively and joyous atmosphere. The vibrant colours of every student's attire and the rhythmic beats of the music left a lasting impact. The celebration concluded with a message encouraging students to follow the path of truth, discipline, and kindness in their daily lives.



TRIP TO TIKUJI-NI-WADI

The annual school picnic this year at Tikuji-ni-Wadi proved to be a memorable occasion. The day commenced with great enthusiasm, marked by a gracious welcome from the park staff, followed by a substantial breakfast that energized students for the day's adventures.

After changing into their swimwear, the senior students dove straight to the Water Park for an absolute blast! The Lazy River was a major highlight, where they enjoyed relaxing floats and shared laughs with their teachers. The atmosphere buzzed with energy, especially during the high-energy music and rain dance session. The day's pinnacle for many was the adrenaline rush of conquering the park's most thrilling slide: the legendary Black Mamba! Meanwhile, the junior students headed straight at the Amusement Park, relishing exhilarating rides like the classic roller coaster, the dizzying Ferris wheel, and the fun banana swing. For lunch, everyone was treated to a variety of delicious food that kept energy levels soaring through the afternoon.

The picnic concluded with cherished moments that provided a much-needed break from the pressure of exams. After a day of bonding, students were given snacks for the journey home to cap off the experience. Even the bus rides became part of the adventure, filled with non-stop singing and laughter. It truly was a perfect day of adventure, friendship, and great food!



Hindi Diwas

On 15th September, to mark the auspicious occasion of Hindi Diwas, our school organized a Hindi Oratory Competition ("Vagmita Pratiyogita") on the topic "Vigyan Ka Mahatva." It was a truly fabulous competition. The students delivered creative, expressive, and deeply insightful speeches. They spoke about how vigyan (science) has brought drastic changes across the world. By comparing society two decades ago with the present, they highlighted how the world has become globalized and integrated. With the help of science, we can now easily connect with people across the globe.

The event commemorated September 14, 1949, when the Constituent Assembly adopted Hindi as India's official language. It also highlighted Hindi's profound cultural significance and its essential role in shaping our national identity. This celebration paid tribute to our rich cultural heritage, with Hindi at the heart of our nation's soul. We extend our sincere appreciation to Mrs. Pooja Sharma for her outstanding and impartial judging. The highlight was announcing the results, leaving the winners overjoyed and elated. The day ended on a high note of pride, happiness, and renewed affection for our national language.



Stage Craft

This year, our school launched an exciting new initiative: Stage Craft, a vibrant program in performing arts designed for students' holistic growth. Students shine in dance, unleash their creativity, and confidently take center stage. Far beyond performances, it's a nurturing space where children explore, express themselves, and discover their unique voices amid laughter, stumbles, and triumphs. For academy freshers navigating the challenges of new beginnings, Stage Craft provides a joyful outlet to ease stress, build self-assurance, and unlock their potential. Above all, it fosters a peaceful, congenial environment that blends creativity with compassion, uniting our community for a brighter tomorrow.

On 9th November, DYD World School organized its first theatre event "Stage Craft", with the tag line "By the Kids, For the Kids." The program aimed to promote dance, drama, and music while providing a strong platform for students to showcase their talents and explore the performing arts.

Held at the historic Natya Mandir, the event featured students presenting powerful dramas that highlighted important themes like peace and sustainable living.

- 1) Swapna Radhe Che raised awareness about the upcoming dangers of microplastics.
- 2) Mission Hope emphasized the vital role of scientists, depicting them as the unsung heroes whose sacrifices have propelled our nation's progress and achievements.
- 3) Genie O Genie showcased human greed and dissatisfaction, emphasizing how the constant desire for more snatches away the joy of the present.



Each play showcased a unique genre and language, delivering a rich, diverse theatrical experience to the audience. These dramas, rooted in themes of human values and science, mirrored real-life scenarios, captivating viewers through expressive acting and compelling storytelling. The event's triumph owed much to the dedicated guidance of Mr. Prashant Gurav and his team, organized seamlessly by the Interact Club of DYD World School. Following these stellar performances, parents, teachers, and students rose in unison, applauding the young performers' hard work, creativity, and confidence. Overall, DYD World School's Stage Craft presentation proved a resounding success, highlighting students' artistic talents and upholding the school's motto of "Enlightening Excellence."

Science Exhibition

On 10th November our school hosted a Science Exhibition, showcasing the remarkable creativity and knowledge of the students across various grades. The event was a vibrant display of working models, informative charts and practical experiments. It provided a break from textbook learning and made science more engaging and tangible for students.

All participants effectively articulated the scientific principles behind their creations. The level of research and dedication displayed by the students was truly commendable and we were honoured to have the esteemed presence and acknowledgement of Mrs. Kulkarni with us to enlighten the day. The Science Exhibition was an overwhelming success, underscoring the importance of practical, project - based learning. The event not only provided a platform for students to demonstrate their scientific abilities but also highlighted the school's commitment to nurturing future innovators.



T-Ward level participation

This year, our school proudly participated in ward-level competitions. We are thrilled to share that our student Praniti Savkare won first place in the drawing competition .

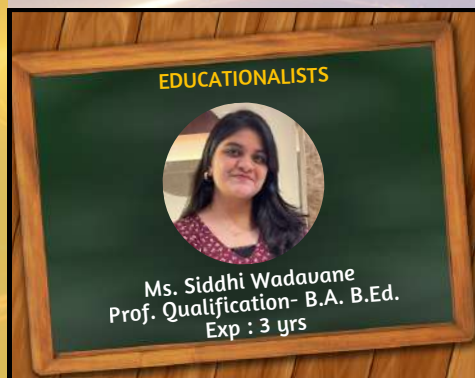
Our school also took part in the T-Ward Vigyan Parishad, an enriching experience at the T-Ward Science Exhibition. Students Kavya Ravariya (Grade 6) and Daksh Naik (Grade 7) presented their project, Charge Aura, under the guidance of our science club teachers. The project showcased an innovative wireless electric vehicle charging system using electromagnetic induction—a technology that promotes sustainable, eco-friendly transportation by minimizing energy loss and advancing cleaner mobility.

Securing second position, this achievement marks a proud milestone for our school. It reflects the power of strong teamwork and the dedication of our hardworking students, while inspiring innovation, skill-building, and future careers in electric vehicles, renewable energy, and smart transportation.



INTER-HOUSE CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Celebrating Teamwork and Spirit! It is rightly said that partnerships win matches, not players alone. Embracing this timeless wisdom, our school proudly organized an Inter-House Cricket Tournament on November 14, 2025, bringing together the vibrant energies of all four houses—Topaz, Ruby, Emerald, and Sapphire. The event aimed to foster teamwork, coordination, and sportsmanship among students, turning the school grounds into a lively arena of enthusiasm and camaraderie. The day kicked off with an exciting friendly match between the students and teachers, setting a joyful and inclusive tone. Under the expert guidance of our dedicated PT teacher, Mr. [Insert Name if Known], participants brushed up on cricket fundamentals like batting techniques, fielding strategies, and strategic partnerships. This warm-up not only bridged the gap between students and faculty but also instilled confidence, laying a strong foundation for budding cricketers and promoting lifelong love for the sport. Following the opener, the tournament unfolded with semi-final clashes that kept spectators on the edge of their seats. Emerald House showcased impeccable bowling, while Sapphire House dazzled with agile fielding. The preliminary rounds highlighted individual talents within the houses, but it was the collective synergy—cheers from benches, synchronized strategies, and mutual encouragement—that truly shone through. The grand finale pitted the boys' teams from Topaz House against Ruby House in a nail-biting encounter. Topaz House's disciplined batting lineup and sharp spin bowlers clinched a thrilling victory, emerging as the undisputed champions. Ruby House fought valiantly, with standout performances from their opening batsmen, making the match a testament to healthy competition. Trophies, medals, and certificates were awarded amid applause, with Principal commending the houses for their exemplary conduct. This tournament went beyond mere competition; it provided students a platform to display their skills, build resilience, and deepen their understanding and appreciation of cricket's nuances. It reinforced values like unity, discipline, and fair play, aligning perfectly with our school's motto of holistic development. As we reflect on the roaring crowds, shared laughs, and unbreakable house bonds, we look forward to more such events that nurture tomorrow's leaders.



Thread Sharing

Report on "Joining Hands and Hearts" for thread sharing Drive. An appeal was shared with parents, encouraging them to contribute gently used clothes, blankets, toys, and books for underprivileged children and families. Parents were requested to send clean and usable items to the school by the 16th of December. The objective was not only to support those in need, but also to help students understand the importance of compassion, empathy, and social responsibility. On 19th December, the "Joining Hands and Hearts" event was conducted in school. During the event, students reflected on the value of community service and the impact of small acts of kindness. The donated items were then handed over to identified NGOs (Global green Resonance Foundation). The initiative received an encouraging response from parents and students. The active participation and generous contributions made the event a meaningful learning experience and reinforced the spirit of humanity and togetherness. The school looks forward to continuing such initiatives to nurture socially responsible and compassionate citizens. To encourage the activity and motivate the students, the Secretary of GGRF, Mr. Ajay Rajput, presented each student with a bookmark as token of appreciation.

Annual Sports Meet 2025-26

The Annual Sports was held with great enthusiasm on 22nd and 23rd December.

The event commenced with a vibrant march past by the four houses, showcasing discipline, unity, and team spirit, which set the tone for the action-packed days ahead. The proud assembly of participants and spectators warmly welcomed the chief guests. The lighting of the torch by the chief guest added significance and grandeur to the ceremony.

Races, traditional and exciting games such as hurdel races, kho-kho, lagori, and tug of war etc. captivating both participants and spectators. These events not only highlighted the physical strength and agility of the students but also emphasized the importance of teamwork, cooperation, and sportsmanship. The atmosphere was filled with enthusiasm, celebrating not just victory but the joy of participation.

The sports meet concluded on a triumphant note, with Sapphire House emerging as the champions, Emerald House securing the position of runner-up, and Topaz House finishing as the contender.

X-mas Celebration Party

On 24th December students and teachers assembled on the school ground, where the atmosphere was instantly filled with excitement, warmth, and festive cheer. It was also a day of secrets and surprises. The Grade 6 students had lovingly crafted beautiful gifts from ice-cream sticks for all the teachers as a token of gratitude. Their thoughtful gesture deeply touched the hearts of the teachers. Riya Samleti of Grade 8 delighted everyone by volunteering as the Christmas Elf. She brought smiles to the faces of our beloved teachers by distributing surprise gifts, making the moment truly special and heartwarming. The celebration transitioned into a series of interactive games that brought out the playful spirit of the students. The absolute highlight of the day was the Balloon Game. Every student was given a colourful balloon with a single mission—keep it floating in the air for as long as possible. Next up was the much-awaited Secret Santa event, where each student received a surprise gift made by a fellow classmate. The joy of giving and receiving brought an extra sparkle to the celebrations. The event was a beautiful way to mark the holiday season, creating memories that will be cherished by students and teachers alike.

