



Footprints

St. Karen's Montessori School
PATNA

EXPLORING BEYOND
TEXT BOOKS



Editor's Letter

Hello Readers,

This year St. Karen's Montessori School leaped into the digital world as its new website has been launched making it a lot easier for parents to keep up with their child's activities and achievements. Now everything including the school magazine, details of pictures and videos about the extra curricular activities occurring in the school will be updated on the website.

St. Karen's Montessori School's library supports our little readers by inspiring them to develop an interest in reading. We have introduced "D-E-A-R • Drop Everything And Read" to help them get "A Joy of Reading" and to improve our students as READERS, WRITERS, THINKERS and SPEAKERS.

We believe in respecting diversity, which is an innate part of each child. We help children to develop their inherent skills, by helping them to identify their natural talents, and accept the diversity in the world around us.

As the editor, I would like to mention that our school has been on a long running journey of imparting quality education and after 25 years we are proud to say that we are one of the best schools in Patna.

As our school's motto is "Labour Reaps Reward" we continue to reach new heights of success with our hard work and determination.

Thanking You!

Sunita Kumari

Editor & Librarian, SKMS



EDITORIAL BOARD

COUNCIL MEMBERS

To train our young minds with the basic values required for an overall personality development and to lay down a strong foundation of discipline for a life time, SKMS elected its Council Members for 2016-17. The aim behind holding the election was to motivate the students to strive towards excellence in all spheres.

We felt very proud taking the oath in front of the school and would love to thank all the teachers and students of our school for this memorable moment. **Zainab Khan, School Captain 4G • Divyansh, School Vice Captain 4A**

Standing for election of council members was quite thrilling for us. We stood as contestants wearing our badge and introducing ourselves in front of the teachers. We all were elated to be felicitated as House Captains.

Std IV: Shreya Singh (Red) • Shrishti Rani (Blue) • Aditi Shree (Green) • Rinshu Kumari (Yellow)

Std III: Udit Surya (Red) • Kanishk (Blue) • Vijaya Lakshmi (Green) • Tashya (Yellow)

We are thankful to our school for giving us the opportunity to make ourselves more confident and responsible as students. Our journey as Council Members began with a promise to St. Karen's that we will respect our work and badges. House Vice Captains

Std IV: Prateek (Red) • Adibur Rahman (Blue) • Kumar Abhinav (Green) • Aditya Raj (Yellow)

Std III: Mansi (Red) • Aakansha (Blue) • Priyansh Prakhar (Green) • Abhiraj Bharti (Yellow)

We were elected as the Discipline-in-charges of SKMS. We were overwhelmed to be entrusted with this responsibility. We pledge to abide by the school's regulations and guide our fellow students to behave in an orderly manner.

• **Nisha Raj, Kishor, Ritika, Asad std. IV**





"Music soothes the mind and gives it rest, heals the heart and makes it whole, flows from heaven to the soul". SKMS always strives for the all round development of students. To boost the singing talent of the students the school had organized Inter-School singing competitions in which our students won prizes in different categories. We bring before you the synopsis of 'The Inter-Branch Music Competitions' held in 2016-17.

PRAYER SONG COMPETITION : The students of Std III & IV participated in the Prayer song competition which was organized by St. Karen's Primary School, S K Puri. The contestants enthralled the audience with their melodious song 'This little guiding light of mine'. The competition came alive with their mellifluous notes which echoed in the whole atmosphere and SKMS participants were declared as winners.

- Muskan IVE • Sanjana IVB • Shristi IVA • Arushi • Arya IVA • Anshi Zoya IVD • Suhani IIIC
- Anha IIIF • Palak IVD • Rimsha • Aliza IIID • Aditya IVB • Rohan IVG • Rishav IIIC
- Abhyanand IVF • Aditya Raj IVG • Pratik Raj IVC

DUET SONG COMPETITION : 'Friendship Day' is a special day dedicated to honour friendship. This year a special duet song competition was organized by St. Karen's Secondary school on 5th August '16. The contestants from SKMS Anushka IIID and Achyut Singh Rathore IIH left the audience and judges awestruck and spellbound by their performance. Their song 'I never wanna lose a friend like you' was adjudged as the winning song.

CAROL SINGING COMPETITION : Christmas is the time for spreading happiness and joy. It is the time for singing carols and spreading goodness. To enjoy the festive mood a Carol Singing competition was organized by St Karen's High School, Gola Road for the students.

'The All India Anglo Indian Association' too organized a Christmas Carol competition at 'Don Bosco Academy' Digha. The stupendous presentation by the Karenite teachers' choir group which included our Music Teachers Mrs Keya Roy and Mrs Dipanwita Sen Gupta were a perfect blend of voices and melodious teamwork. The unparalleled singing performance by our very talented maestros swayed the audience in delight and the Karenite choir group was awarded with 'The Champions' Trophy'.





A Joyous Christmas Carol



It was a unique year for all the music teachers of St. Karen's, as for the first time we presented a beautiful medley of Christmas hymns.

We sang three carols :

1. Silent Night
2. Hope was born this night
3. Joy of the world

All the songs were very melodious. We enjoyed our practice hours and

tried hard to make the programme successful. As this was the first time all the music teachers were performing together, we were motivated to make our best effort.

Our colleagues and all the students enjoyed this presentation very much.

I was glad to be a part of this event.

Dipanwita Sengupta, Music Teacher (SKMS)

MY DREAM CITY COLLAGE COMPETITION

WINNERS

Ms Lucy Tom-Std IV
Ms Molly Jacob-Std III
Ms Shilpi Sinha-Std II
Ms Christine-Std I



Competitions are always challenging. So it was our pleasure to participate in the collage competition with the theme 'My Dream City'. It's our honour to state that we won this challenge. We along with our students were really overjoyed to get the first prize. It was amazing to see our young talents working with such enthusiasm and creativity. This day was unforgettable for all of us. Ms Lucy Tom, Ms Molly Jacob, Ms Shilpi Sinha, Ms Christine



HANDY MANDY



COMPUTER EXHIBITION

A wonderful Computer Exhibition was held on 22nd Oct '16 at SKMS to raise awareness of computer science and technology. The chief guest for the occasion was Mr. Om Prakash Kunwar. Students showed their creativity, enthusiasm and confidence in different topics. The models of smart phone, Android phone, Adapter, Colour key board and cloud computing prepared under the guidance of computer teachers, Mrs. Arti & Ms. Michelle, were highly appreciated by everyone. Students also presented a series of posters on IT personalities and recent advances in computing.

Winners

- 1st** Bhusra (IVC)
- 2nd** Archi Parashar (IV G)
- 3rd** Gaurav Shah (IIIC)

Models

- Smart & Android phones
- Adapter
- Colour key board



SCIENCE EXHIBITION

Students of Std IV displayed a wide array of models based on topics such as Solar System, Rotation, Layers of Earth, 'Green Earth-Clean Earth' etc. The models that were created showed glimpses of their analytical side interspersed with ingenious and creative ideas for which students used papier-mache and origami. There was a great deal of zeal shown by students as everybody appreciated the 'hands-on' approach to the learning aspect.





HelpAge India

Atharv Sinha, I - F • Highest Collector
Piyush, Std 3-G



Charity begins at home but should not end there. Helpage India is one of the NGOs that takes care of elderly people providing them with food, shelter, medicine and all essential things. St Karen's Montessori School joined hands with Helpage India, an event which helped the students to understand what old age is and its suffering and above all how it feels to be alone, when elderly people are left in solitude by their children. The students of SKMS contributed whole heartedly in conducting this event. It's the duty of every school to teach students the values of family and respect for the elderly people because at the end of the day you reap what you sow.



Christmas is a festival that brings a smile to people of all ages. Its celebrations involve the sharing of gifts among each other. The celebration in St. Karen's Montessori School, fulfilled this purpose through the Pidilite activity - Gift of Happiness.



The students of our school prepared the gift envelope by themselves, decorating it beautifully. The students were excited and did their level best in doing this activity. In the envelope they packed pens, pencils, erasers etc. and offered it to the poor and needy. Sharing a small part of themselves is highly appreciated. As its always right to say – "Charity is always charity, It doesn't matter whether it is a big act or a small act". The more we give the more we receive. In this way the children learnt to share a part of themselves helping them to become generous and to share freely.

The true message of this festival is to provide the needy with gifts. We must not forget the real purpose of this festival.

"Our Lord says – Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy".

As we embark on the journey of a child's education we always aim and focus on the development of various facets of his/her personality. The strong academics and diverse co-curricular activities

aids in making the child emerge as leaders and helps in their intellectual, emotional, social, moral and aesthetic development.

Finding and nurturing talents in children, so that their talents blossom, are among the greatest joys of educating a child. Throughout the year we had numerous activities which provided ample opportunity to the students to showcase and enhance their talents.



WELCOME
TO THE
ZONE

BUDDING TALENT!

THE ENGLISH ELOCUTION COME TO THE ENGLISH ELOCUTION COMPETITION



This year St. Karen's Montessori school hosted the 'English Elocution Competition'. The Guest of Honour for the event was Mrs Helen Anthony, a well known educator, a mentor and a guide and an ex-teacher of St. Joseph's Convent. The competition started with a welcome song presented by the students of Std III.

The young orators of Std I expressed love for their families through their poems on 'Family-Life's greatest blessing'. The amazing recitation of the poem 'I love my Family' by Trisha IG, won the hearts of the judges and she made SKMS proud by winning the 1st prize.

Then came the students of Std II with their message of love, compassion, respect and support for animals, through their poems on 'Animals'. Aditya IIG won another prize for SKMS with an impressive and immaculate recitation of the poem 'Animal Feelings'.

The students of Std III recited poems on 'Friendship'. Utkarsh of Std IIIB gave a tough competition with her eloquence and style of recitation, with her poem 'Friendship'.

Students of Std IV made everyone ponder on the need to save the Earth, through their soul stirring poems on 'Save our earth'. With each recitation the atmosphere became desolate and one was forced to think of the ways to save our environment. But the whole atmosphere lightened up when the students of Std V presented their humorous poems, compelling everyone to laugh. Finally the event ended with a short skit presented by the students of Std IV on a mother's unconditional love for her child.



BUDDING TALENT!

ONRT – One Nation Reading Together – is an initiative to encourage reading as a pleasurable and enriching experience. We organized the 'One Nation Reading Together' activity on 25th November 2016 this year.

As reading expands knowledge all the students read the pledge together *"On the floor, in a chair, Up a tree or on a stair, Books make magic Anywhere..."*

Indeed it was a magical day, one student from each section dressed up as their favourite story character. Education mingled with fun makes it enthralling for the student and nothing is more exciting than dressing up as one's favourite story character. The competition transformed the campus into a Fairyland, Cinderella, Snow White, Aladdin, Chumki, Kamala, Robin Hood, The Pied Piper and of course the Grapes from 'The Fox and The Grapes' too, stepped out of the story book and shared their feelings with the class.

The fun filled activity encouraged and motivated the students to read more and more stories. The students enjoyed reading the story 'My mom only had one eye'.



STORY WRITING COMPETITION

Stories give wings to one's imagination. To develop avid and talented creative writers, we provide the perfect atmosphere at school. This year's Story Writing Competition aimed at developing the child's power of expressing thoughts and ideas and improving imaginative powers, so that they become innovative writers.

During this year's competition, held in St. Karen's Secondary School, the day was very special for Shreyash of std III-H as he won the 1st prize for writing a story on the theme 'Unity is strength'.



Skits and plays teach a child to work with an ensemble in a co-operative manner. It teaches students to work according to time line, to use self discipline and to accept feedback, thus making them stronger individuals both mentally and emotionally.

Our school participated in the Inter School Skit Competition held at St Karen's High school in the month of August. Shubh Narain III-A as a Guide and Megha III-A, Tashya III-D, Udit Surya III-B, Aditi III-G, Shristi III-A and Devansh Harshvardhan III-D as the six blind men, put up a strong performance in 'The Blind Men and an Elephant'. Through their play the students proved that if we do not take into consideration the perception of others before arriving at a decision, we might make the wrong decision about certain things. One's subjective experience can be true but that such experience is inherently limited by its failure to account for other truths or a totality of truth.

During the reign of Akbar and close to the end of it, local folk tales of his interaction with his advisor Birbal became popular. The stories emphasized on Birbal's wit. He was an extremely clever and smart person who was quick to find solutions to

challenges and this was portrayed in the skit presented by the students of Std IV 'The Bull's Milk'. Through their skit, Nilesh IV-G as Birbal, Shrishti IV-A as Birbal's daughter and Shubham Pandey IV-B as Akbar, showed us that with our wit and cleverness we can deal with any situation.



Saga of Unity in Diversity

The term 'Unity in Diversity' refers to the state of togetherness in spite of the presence of immense diversity. India is a land of 'Unity in Diversity'. In India the different cultures and religions are looked upon as varieties that enrich the society and the nation as a whole. The different races living in India have always enriched the Indian ethnicity and culture.

Keeping the motto of 'Unity in Diversity' in mind our school is contributing immensely towards inculcating a bond of love and togetherness in all the children's hearts by celebrating all the festivals together in the form of special assemblies. Here the children participate whole heartedly in all the celebrations with equal fervor and enthusiasm.

We began with celebrating the **Feast Day** of our patron saint, St. Katherine who continues to lovingly embrace all our little hands and guide them towards the path of education.

Through the special assembly of **Earth Day** the students of our school spread the message of saving our mother Earth by reducing pollution, planting more trees, saving the wild animals etc. Beautiful posters were also made by the students to enlighten the students on the occasion and create awareness to save our Earth.

It is said that the greatest gifts we can give to our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence. As our freedom fighters had happily sacrificed their lives to give us freedom we felt it was our duty to celebrate **Independence Day** and remember their unforgettable deeds. The students of our school presented a very colourful programme on this occasion as our respectable and beloved Big Ma'am hoisted our National flag and celebrated the occasion with us.

Raksha Bandhan : A special bond of love between a brother and a sister was shown in the special assembly this year, by our students in the form of a beautiful dance followed by a melodious group song: 'Behna ne bhai ki kalai par'. It proved to be a colourful and memorable celebration.

The students of our school celebrated the birth of Lord Krishna on the occasion of **Janmashtami**. A special fancy dress competition was arranged and our students portrayed themselves as 'Radha-Krishna'. It really was a sight to behold as the little ones dressed up so beautifully.

The theme for the special assembly of "**Gandhi Jayanti**" was to spread the message of Gandhiji's "Teen Bandar".

1. *Bura mat dekho (Don't see ill in others)*
2. *Bura mat suno (Don't hear anything bad about others)*
3. *Bura mat bolo (Don't speak anything bad about anyone)*





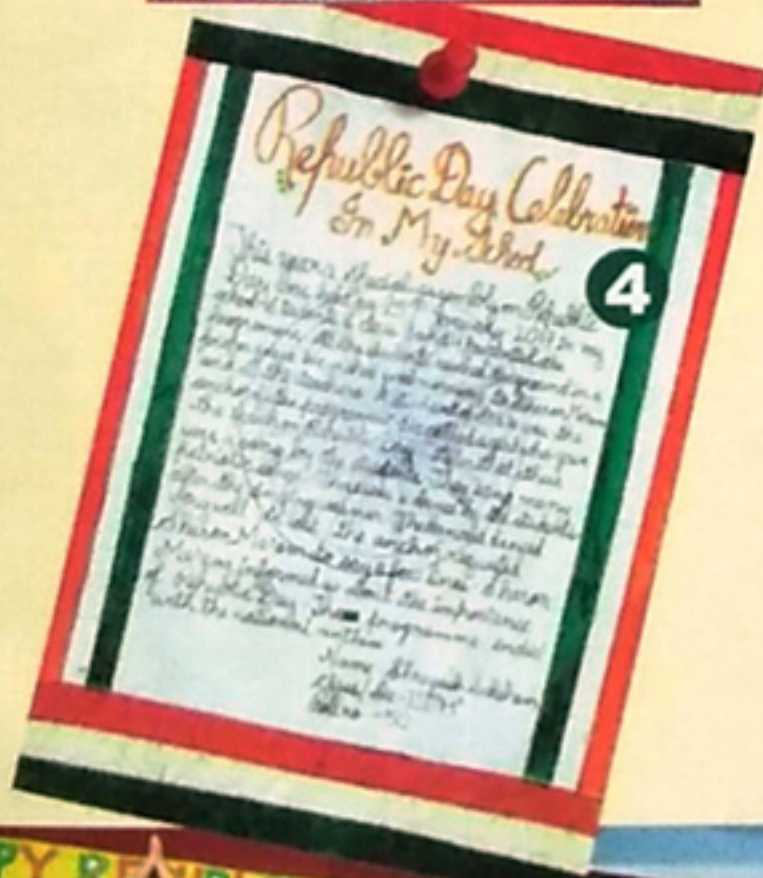
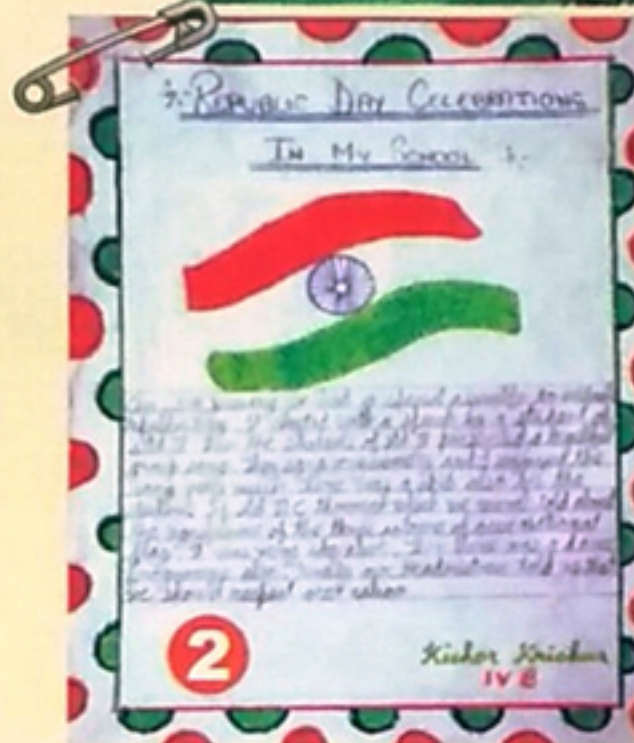
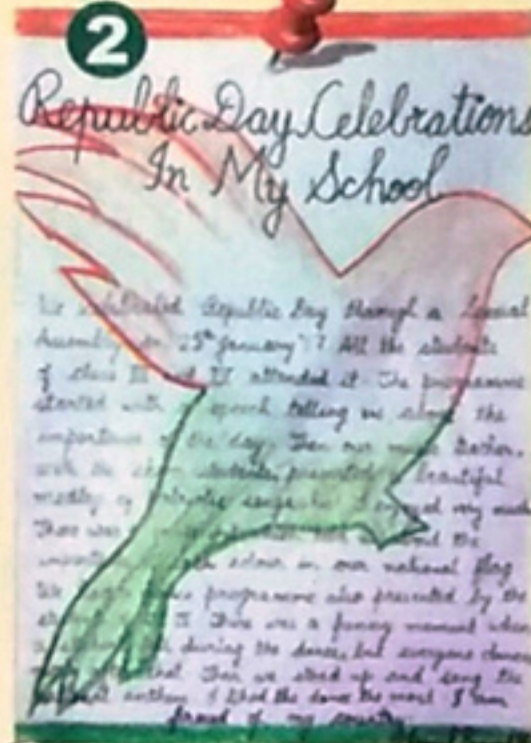
Christmas is not only about gifts and Christmas trees, it is about love, forgiveness, kindness, compassion, to share and to be someone's angel when they need it the most. This was the Christmas message our Sharon Ma'am gave us this year on the occasion of **Christmas**. Our students showed the birth of Jesus through the beautiful Nativity Play in the special assembly.

The students showed a very motivational and inspirational programme on the occasion of **Republic Day**. They presented a medley of patriotic songs which reverberated the surrounding, followed by a rhythmic dance. The informative skit made students aware about the dimensions of our national flag and the significance of each colour of our national flag. The students wrote about their experiences witnessing the programme through their short essays.





REPUBLIC DAY



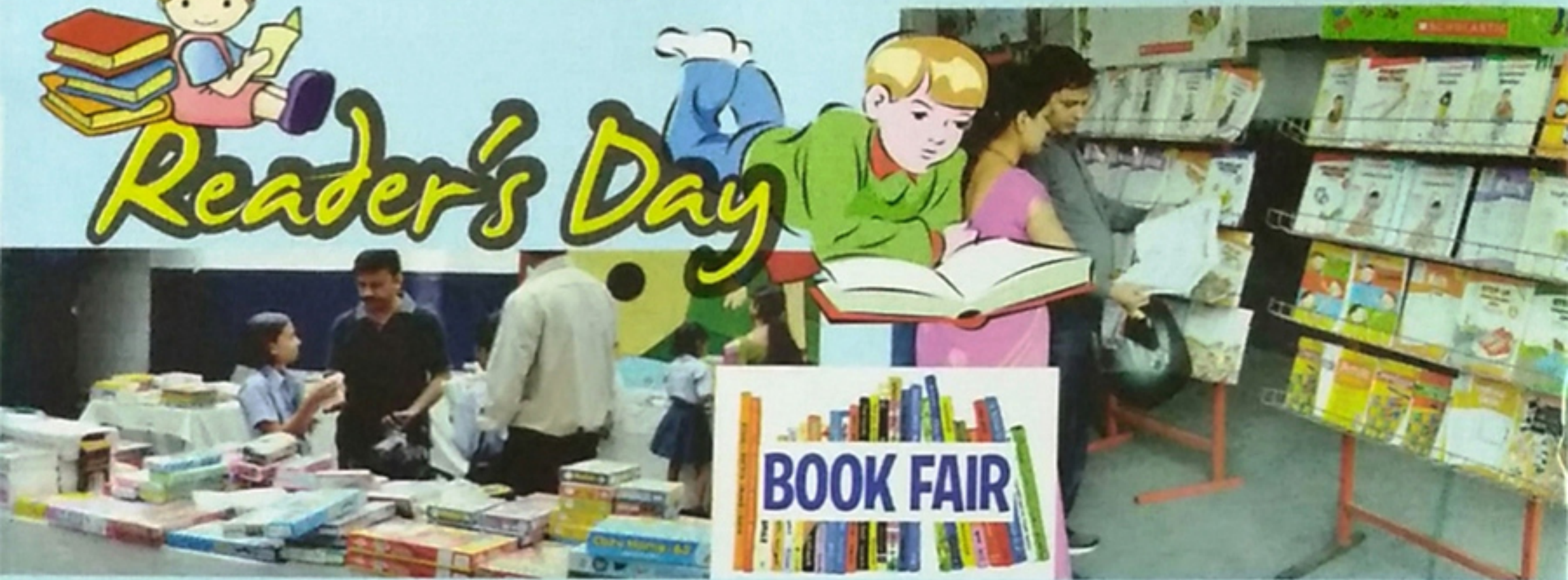
Winners of Republic Day activities

Std IV	1. Ritika Singh	IV A
	2. Kishore Krishna	IV B
	3. Anushka Rani	IV G
Std III	1. Utkarsha	III B
	2. Meenal	III D
	3. Sakshi	III G
	4. Shreyash Saksham	III H





Reader's Day



In the era of information technology the world is over flowing with gadgets and inventions so reading books has become old school. But you may not know that the biggest benefit of reading books is it vanishes away your stress and can boost your vocabulary with a great deviation.

That is one of the main reasons that St. Karen's organizes book fairs annually to make sure that our little Readers will become Leaders one day.

ADEU! SPECIAL PRAYER

I can never forget that day, it was the 26th of September 2016 when I came to know that one of my class Students had passed away. Her name was Soumya! I was so sad to hear the news about Soumya. She was the best girl of my class, friendly to all. She was a very sweet and beloved child. She was also very good in studies. She was suffering from a heart disease since her birth and also had a pacemaker in her heart. But due to some reason it failed and Saumya died, on the 25th of September 2016. The next day Sharon Ma'am, Elamma Ma'am and I went to her house to give our condolences to her parents. May the beloved child's soul rest in peace and God give strength to her parents to bear their child's loss. Amen!!

• *Anjali Prasad, Class Teacher*



SOUMYA
D.O.B. 25.08.2008



SPORTS

COMPETITIONS



Racers have to strike the goal and chasers have to strike the runners.



Sports is always an exciting event for our children. Our school highly focuses on sporting events that help children to improve their physical as well as mental capabilities. In this session we organized many sporting competition like an Athletics Championship, Kho-Kho, Chess and Carrom among our students to compete among themselves and outshine.

St. Karen's doesn't believe in gender disparity so each and every student is given an opportunity to excel.

Our sports competitions in session 2016-17 :

- Races • Kho-Kho • Chess • Carrom

WINNERS

Name (Girls)	Class	Event	Prize
Vaishnavi	1 - I	80m	3rd
Ayushi Raj	2 - I	80m	2nd
Khushi	3 - F	100m	3rd
Anushree	4 - H	100m	3rd

Name (Boys)	Class	Event	Prize
Manas	3 - C	100m	1st
Asifjmal	4 - A	100m	1st
Vikash	4 - B	400m	2nd
Rohan	4 - G	Relay	3rd
Vikash Kr	4 - B	Relay	3rd
Asifjmal	4 - A	Relay	3rd
Kishor	4 - B	Relay	3rd

Name	Class	Event	Prize
Ananya Shree	4 - G	Chess	1st
Spriha Sinha	4 - H	Chess	2nd
Vandana Singh	3 - A	Chess	2nd
Anha Nawaz	3 - F	Carrom	3rd





Everyone has an imagination and art takes it a step further. It teaches visual manifestation of abstract ideas. So our 'Dreamy Designers' were busy throughout the year expanding the horizons of their imagination.

Go Green – The future lies in our children's hands. It is the best time to make the young minds aware that environment is nature's gift to mankind and it has to be preserved with love and care.

The students of std IV spread the message of conserving our natural resources through their Poster Making Activity 'Go Green' on, 22nd April to mark the Earth Day. The students of Std III shared their messages on paper leaves and created the 'tree of life'.

Collage Making Competition - Creativity and imagination was at its full swing when students made a collage of their 'Dream City', held as part of Children's Day celebrations, in November.

Rangoli Making Activity – The tiny tots of LKG and UKG had fun with colors as they made beautiful Rangoli designs for Diwali.

Coaster Making Activity – Colours are synonymous with our festivals. Colours were in their full glory, as the students of Std III and IV created colourful and beautiful designs on CDs during their coaster making activity.



A Karenite Kaleidoscope

their vibrant, sparkling and grand presentations.

From the classic fairy tale of "Hansel and Gretel" to the "land of Rajasthan" the most colorful state in the country, our little Karenites showcased their varied talents.

The programme started out with a unique presentation of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow", with the sound of ringing bells and the lilting melodious voices of our students of I and II.

The students of Std I & II acted out the story of 'Hansel and Gretel' with its message that " children must always obey their parents". The main characters were King Richard (Arnav I -I), Hansel (Pushkar II -G), Gretel (Rati II- I) and The Burgerman (Shourya I -C).

The tiny tots of the Nursery class performed traditional folk dances of Rajasthan. They made a beautiful and colorful train in which they took the passengers on a journey to Rajasthan.

The 'Chai Chai Coffee Coffee' song portrayed the bustle of platform life, Shivaang as the Peanut seller, Sahil as a Coolie and some little tea sellers wowed the audience with their performance.

Variety is the spice of life. Life without feasts and festivals is charmless and lifeless.

So is true in case of school life. Without functions and celebrations school life becomes uninteresting. The students of SKMS strived hard to put up a fantastic performance on the 3rd of Dec '16 with



A kaleidoscope Karenite



All the passengers were welcomed into the land of Rajasthan by a band of singers (Gaurav, Ayush, Arjum, Aniket, Chinmay, Harsh, Vidyapati) with their astounding Rajasthani song. Swarit and Shubhangi played the role of a brother and sister who were showcased enjoying the fusion song, 'Dama Dam Mast Kalandar'. Aayaan Nasim's (Nur B) performance as a foreigner playing a guitar was really amazing.

The little stars of L.K.G. showcased a colorful dance presentation depicting the life of farmers of Rajasthan. After the continuous hardwork in their fields, they encouraged and entertained each other by singing and dancing on the song 'Mitwa O Mitwa'.

They also showed the anguish of farmers while waiting for the rain.

The little ones showed how the farmers tried to please the rain God to shower his blessings in the form of rain. They acted on the song 'Kaale Megha Kaale Megha Pani To Barsao'.

Their act and dances were spell bounding. And also through their skit they gave the message that 'Water is Precious'.

U.K.G. students performed the most popular form of folk culture of Rajasthan, locally known as 'Kathputli Ka Naach'. Puppet dances are an attraction in fairs in rural Rajasthan and always shows stories with strong message for the society.

Our lovely puppets Kanak and Ananya spread the messages of unity, which is essential for peaceful working of the society.

Thus the bright and energetic performances overwhelmed the audience and kept the onlookers spellbound.

