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NEW ACADEMIC SESSION 2023 PARENTS ORIENTATION PROGRAMME - APRIL 3, 2023

An interactive orientation programme for the parents of Pre-Primary and Upper Primary (Classes 3,4 &5) was arranged in the Activity Hall. Head Teacher Sofia Rana and her team demonstrated to parents how good practices are adopted in the school at all levels for implementation of a rich curriculum supported by the Round Square educational ideology.





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SONIA THAKUR MEMORIAL ANNUAL ART AWARD

The Management of KC Public School Jammu are pleased to institute an Annual Art Award in memory of Late Mrs. Sonia Thakur, Creative Head of KC Public School from May 2010 to January 2023 in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the cause of quality universal education for the children of KC Public School, particularly in the form of performing and fine arts such as music, dance, drama, public speaking, art, craft and painting.

Students of classes 8 to 10 will be eligible for the Award.

In view of her deep involvement in all the activities related to the Round Square, especially around the ideal of Environmentalism, a painting competition for all the students of classes 8 to 10 will be organised on the occasion of the World Earth Day on April 22 every year. The theme of the competition will be 'I LOVE MOTHER EARTH'.

A panel of at least three judges approved by School Management will review all the entries and decide the winner unanimously.

The Award constituting of a certificate and a memento will be presented to the winner on the school Annual Function or any other suitable occasion.

EARTH CARE WEEK 2023: YOUNG KCEAN ENVIRONMENTALISTS AT WORK

The International Earth Day on April 22 every year is the most important day for the children of KCPS. Steeped deeply into the Round Square IDEALS, they are intensely devoted to the ideal of Environmentalism

To mark the beginning of the Earth Care Week 2023, children of LKG & UKG classes undertook a cleanliness drive on the school campus today morning and did some plogging (picking up trash during an outing).





EARTH CARE WEEK 2023 (SENIOR SCHOOL) - APRIL 19

Earth Care Week prior to the International Earth Day on April 22 is a significant annual event in the Senior School too. A variety of activities is performed by students to express their love and care for the planet Earth. Students of classes VI & VII made Gratitude Cards and Mosaic Earth Craft models as part of the celebration of the Earth Care Week 2023.





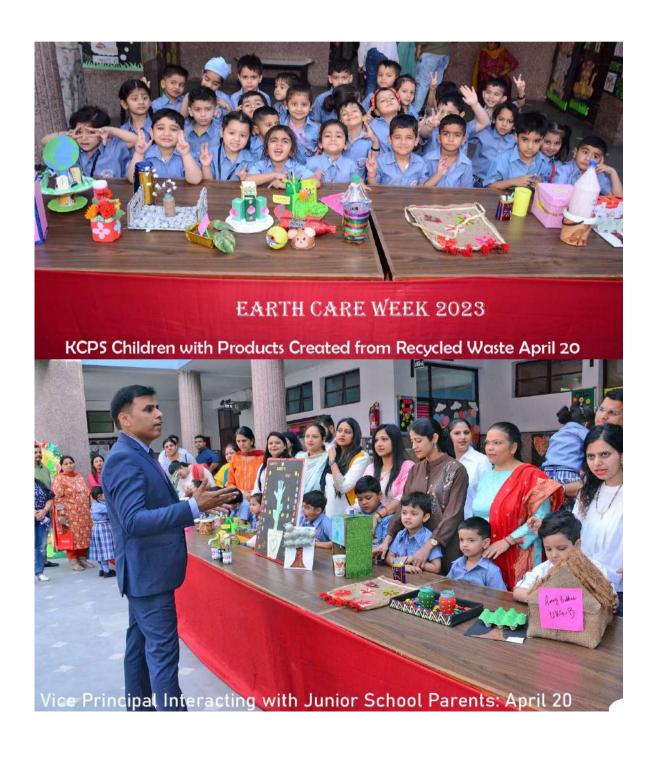


EARTH CARE WEEK 2023 - JUNIOR WING PARENTS JOIN HANDS WITH SCHOOL IN ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION PROJECTS: APRIL 20

As a Round Square school, we at KCPS are perhaps one of the most active schools in the world devoted to the promotion and propagation of environmentalism among members of the school community consisting of parents, students, teachers and members of the school management.

This year, parents of our children of classes LKG and UKG have come out with concrete action related to our mission of recycling waste and created some wonderful utility products by involving their children in a hands-on participative process.

A display of these creations was held in the Junior School quadrangle today morning at which some parents were also present. Vice Principal Mr. Sanjay Pandey and Junior School Head Teacher Sofia Rana interacted with the parents and appreciated their support and cooperation in the effective implementation of environmentalism in the school.





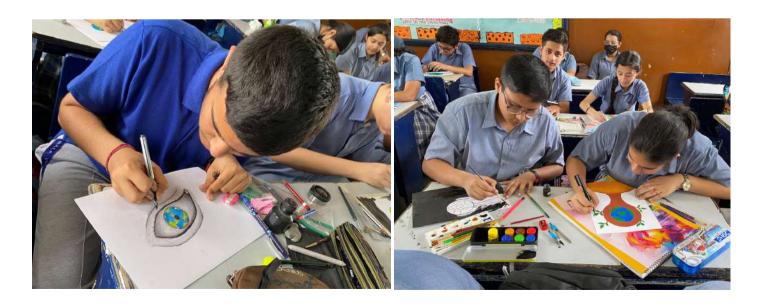
INAUGURAL PAINTING COMPETITION FOR SONIA THAKUR MEMORIAL ART AWARD 2023-24 : APRIL 21

The management of KC Public School has instituted the annual Sonia Thakur Memorial Art Award from this year for the students of classes VIII to X to be held on International Earth Day every year. The inaugural painting competition was organised today in which all students of these classes took part.

Here are some pictures of students creating paintings on the theme: I LOVE MOTHER EARTH.



Theme: I Love Mother Earth





INTER HOUSE BOARD DISPLAY CONTEST - APRIL 26, 2023

The inter-House Board Display Contest took place today as part of the Earth Care Week activities. The theme of the display was Planet Earth and how human beings living on it have affected it. The display also focused on ways and means to salvage the ailing planet with effective measures.









Inter-House Board Display

SEASON ONE - APRIL 2023



NUKKAD NATAK PERFORMANCE BY CLASS II CHILDREN ON UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL (SDG) NO #6 : CLEAN WATER & SANITATION - APRIL 27, 2023

Children of Class II D put up an immaculate Nukkad Natak performance today morning in front of their parents to articulate their concern about the state of water on the planet Earth and the need to conserve it meticulously in conformity with UN SDG #6 for survival of life on the planet. Parents invited to watch the performance were apparently well pleased with the show. Vice Principal Mr. Sanjay Pandey and Junior School Head Teacher Sofia Rana praised the children for their flawless performance and thanked the parents for being present at it.







DIRECTORATE OF AYUSH JAMMU, GOVT OF J&K, ORGANISES FREE MEDICAL CAMP AT KCPS - APRIL 29, 2023

A free medical health check-up Camp for the employees of the school was organised to-day. A team of health professionals under the leadership of Dr. Mohan Singh, Director, and supervision of Dr. Vandana Dogra and ably assisted by Dr. Kamini, Dr. Vaishali, Ms. ^{/ also pro}Roma Yoga Instructor, and multipurpose health worker Satish did a wonderful job.





CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL LABOUR DAY 2023 - MAY 1

International Workers' Day, also known as 'Labour Day' is a celebration of labourers and the working classes that is promoted by the international labour movement and occurs every year on May 1. It is a tradition in KCPS to celebrate it every year.

This year due to wet weather, the celebration function was held in the senior school activity hall. Students expressed their gratitude towards the support staff in the form a cultural programme consisting of speeches, songs, skits and dances. The event concluded with presentation of hand-made greeting cards made by students to every support staff member present at the function.



KCEANS ATTEND ROUND SQUARE ZOOM POSTCARD CONFERENCE HOSTED BY BRITISH OVERSEAS SCHOOL PAKISTAN

6 students, namely, Aditi Dhar, Anadi Saini, Ashna Saini, Harshita Rajput, Rhoswen Vinod Bhat and Ryna Dogra of grade 9 along with teacher Nalini Rakwal attended a Round Square Zoom Postcard conference on April 26 on the theme "Ways to Speak Your Truth", hosted by The British Overseas School, Karachi, Pakistan. The Postcard call was attended by 120 students from 24 schools in 8 countries (Argentina, Armenia, Australia, India, Japan, Pakistan, South Africa and UAE). A PowerPoint presentation on the theme was presented by the host school followed by a speech delivered by the Principal Mr. Williams. Nadia Khan was the special guest. She enlightened the delegates on her work and journey. Later, the delegates were sent into baraza session. It was an enriching experience for the KCPS delegates as they learned about the ways to speak the truth.



INTER HOUSE EXTEMPORARY SPEECH CONTEST IN ENGLISH FOR MIDDLES (6TH TO 8TH) - MAY 10, 2023

Public Speaking activities have begun in the school after a gap of nearly 3 years caused by the pandemic. The first such event was the Inter House Extemporary Speech Contest in English for the students of the Middle School which was held today morning in the School Activity Hall. 3 participants each from the 4 Houses (Jammu, Kashmir, Ladakh & Poonch) took part in the competition. It is a tough contest since the topics for the speech are given to speakers 10 minutes before the contest begins.

Being a Round Square School, all our activities are focused on the Principles & Tenets of the Round Square. As such, the topics given to the speakers related to environment, internationalism, democracy,

leadership, adventure, service and 12

tenets of the RSDF.

All the speakers did their best in giving expression to their perception and understanding of the topics given. However, the top 3 speakers who emerged winners were truly outstanding in terms of their grasp of the subject matter and their flawless delivery.

Suhas Kaul with his superlative performance won the first position. Kaavin Bhushan with her in-depth analysis of the topic took the 2nd position and Shailja Sandhu settled for the 3rd position.



INTER HOUSE SWIMMING MEET 2023 - MAY 11

The annual Inter-House swimming championship for the senior school has been resumed this year after a lapse of 3 years. The event was organised today morning at the Senior Swimming Pool on a moderate scale.

Some selected events for both girls and boys (Junior & Senior categories) were conducted in which House teams vied with each other for top positions. Despite the moderate scale of the Championship this year, some sterling performances were observed during the Meet.



RESULTS

25M Free Style (Junior Girls) - Nirvi Jotshi 1st, Anika Mishra 2nd, Rivuka Bansal 3rd
25M Free Style (Junior Boys) - Krish Gurang 1st, Abhi Udhay 2nd, Rajveer Bali, 3rd
50M Free Style Senior Boys- Ranveer Chowdhary 1st, Arnav Gupta 2nd, Aayam Gandotra 3rd
50M Free Style, Senior & Junior Girls - Sarvani Chowdhary 1st, Arya Bhat 2nd, Mitali Raj 3rd
100M Free Style Senior Boys - Ranveer Chowdhary 1st, Arnav Gupta 2nd, Aayam Gandotra 3rd
25M Back Stroke Junior Boys - Krish Gurang 1st, Arjit Gupta 2nd, Rajveer Bali 3rd
50M Back Stroke Senior Boys - Mujtab-ul-Hasan 1st, Nirvan Chowdhary 2nd, Vikrant Singh 3rd
50M Breast Stroke Senior Boys - Arnav Vaid 1st, Aradhya Sehgal 2nd, Arnav Gupta 3rd
4x50M Free Style Relay for Senior Boys - Kashmir House 1st, Jammu House 2nd, Ladakh House 3rd
4x25M Free Style Relay for Junior & Senior Girls - Kashmir House 1st, Poonch House 2nd

OVERALL POSITIONS HOUSEWISE

1ST KASHMIR HOUSE 2ND LADAKH HOUSE 3RD JAMMU HOUSE 4TH POONCH HOUSE



KCEANS SUSTAIN THEIR SUPREMACY IN J&K IN CBSE CLASS 10 & 12 EXAMINATIONS 2023

It is a matter of pride that KCPS students have maintained their supremacy in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir in the class 10 and 12 CBSE examinations this year too.

Needless to say, there was this strong wave of euphoric joy engulfing all Kceans. Our Chairman Mr Raju Chowdhary, Managing Director Arti Chowdhary, Vice Chairman Arjun Chowdhary and other members of the school management were ecstatic over the achievements of Kceans.

We invited quite a few of our achievers to the school on the behest of Chairman and met them with joy in our hearts. Mr. Chowdhary met all of them individually – shaking hands and distributing sweets.



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KCPS STUDENTS ATTEND VIRTUAL CONFERENCE HOSTED BY TONY BLAIR'S 'GENERATION GLOBAL' FORUM - MAY 15, 2023

KCPS students of Classes 9 and 10 attended a virtual Conference hosted by the Tony Blair's international forum 'Generation Global' today afternoon at the Round Square Centre. Their English teacher Nalini Rakwal was also present.

The Conference offered the young students from different countries the opportunity to express their views on the theme 'Rights and Inequalities'. Kcean students took active part in the discussion and answered questions on the views expressed by them. The hour long Conference added a valuable dimension to their experiential learning.



RAJINDER SHARMA, MAYOR OF JAMMU, HOLDS SESSION AT KCPS ON BANNING POLYTHENE IN THE CITY OF JAMMU - MAY 15, 2023

Rajinder Sharma, Mayor of Jammu, held an awareness and interaction session with the students of KC Public School on the urgent need to ban polythene in Jammu city in conformity with the UN's G-20 Climate Change Mitigation programme, of which India holds the presidency till November 2023. The session was held in the school activity hall at 1.15 PM on May 15 with a large number of students and teachers in attendance.

Mayor Rajinder Sharma in his awareness and interaction address to the students spoke at length about the menace of polythene as the worst environmental hazard in the city of Jammu and the decision of the JMC to ban its use in a firm and decisive manner. He made an ardent appeal to the youth of Jammu in battling the threats posed by climate change and mitigating the role of humans in the creation of the problem.

At the end of the session, the Mayor presented awards and certificates to the participants in the discussion and made an appeal to the students to contribute their share in making polythene banning in Jammu a great success.





INVESTITURE CEREMONY OF KCPS JUNIOR WING

The Investiture Ceremony of the Junior Wing of KCPS was held at the Mandua Open Air Theatre on May 17 at 8.45 AM. The ceremony was presided over by Mrs. Arti Chowdhary, Managing Director of the school. Parents of newly appointed members of the Students' Council were also present on the occasion.

The elegant ceremony began with distribution of badges to all members of the Council and sashes to the Head Girl, Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy. Thereafter, Head Teacher Sofia Rana administered the oath of office to all the members. A cultural programme of songs, cheer chants and dance was also presented by the students.

The function came to a close with a vote of thanks to all present and tea and refreshment for the invited parents on the lawns of Wisdom Woods Eco Zone.







INTER HOUSE DECLAMATION IN HINDI FOR MIDDLES - MAY 17, 2023

Inter House Declamation in Hindi for Middles was held in the Activity Hall at 1 PM on May 17. Three participants from each House (Jammu, Kashmir, Ladakh & Poonch) took part in the contest.

The topic for the declamation was 'Rashtriya Nirman main Yuwaon ka Yogdaan' (Contribution of Youth in Nation Building). The event was anchored by Vanshika Bhat of Class 9. The performances of the speakers were judged by a panel of 3 judges.

On the basis of the quality of content of each speech and the level of delivery in terms of diction, intonation and presentation of each speaker, Suhas Koul bagged the first position, followed by Krishna Kapoor and Pranshi Kohli in the 2nd and the 3rd positions respectively.



KCEANS ATTEND ROUND SQUARE ZOOM MEETING HOSTED BY WOODRIDGE COLLEGE & PREPARATORY SCHOOL SOUTH AFRICA

5 KCPS students of Middles Section attended a Round Square Zoom Meeting hosted by Woodridge College & Preparatory School, South Africa, on May 10. The theme of the meeting was: 'Outdoor Pursuits, Adventure, Challenge and Me'.



PARENTS' ORIENTATION ACTIVITIES IN JUNIOR SCHOOL MAY 18, 2023

This is how we exhibit before our parents how the little angels they send us every day are engaged in a variety of exciting activities to implement our learningby-doing educational programmes for younger children.



INTER HOUSE THEMATIC BOARD DISPLAY - MAY 22, 2023

The theme for the Board Display was 'FRUITS OF LABOUR'.

On the basis of content and aesthetic quality of the display and the verbal presentation of it by House Reps, following were the House wise standings:

1st Position Kashmir House 2nd Position Ladakh House 3rd Position Poonch House



CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL DIVERSITY DAY AT KC PUBLIC SCHOOL

On the occasion of the International Biodiversity Day on May 22, students of KC Paryavaran Sadan along with their teachers Kamaljeet Kour, Rahul Thakur and Ambedkar Gupta visited local Paloura Park for the plantation of trees and to carry out a general cleanliness drive. KC Paryavaran Sadan, or the school environment club, has been undertaking different activities for the sustainable conservation of environment such as drip irrigation, vermicomposting, herbal gardening, making of eco bricks, and plantation of trees.



JMC DIGNITARIES INSPIRE KCEANS - MAY 25

The Environment Club of K.C Public School (KC Paryavaran Sadan) organised an awareness programme on waste segregation and its management under 'KC Inspire Talk' in which many distinguished guests from JMC, namely, Ms. Purnima Sharma (Ex- Deputy Mayor), Mr. Gopal Gupta (Chairman SBM), Mr. Hardeep Mankotia (Ex-chairman SBM), Mr. Yashpaul Sharma (Ex-Chairman SBM), Mr. Arun Khanna (Chairman Public Health), Mr. Subhash (Chairman, Social Justice), Mr. Ajay Gupta (Ex-Chairman Social justice), Mr. Kulbhushan Khajuria (Joint Commissioner) and Dr. Vinod Sharma (Health Officer) were present. The guests were welcomed by Aakarsh Roshan, President of KC Paryavaran Sadan and Harshita Manhas, Secretary.

The programme revolved around major environmental issues like plastic waste, its alarming effects, waste segregation into dry and wet and its recycling measures. The students of KC Paryavaran Sadan showcased different activities like vermicomposting, herbal gardening, eco brick making, drip irrigation, plantation and composting done by them for the sustainable development in the form of a PowerPoint presentation which was highly appreciated by all the dignitaries present. The programme included speeches by different dignitaries regarding global environmental concerns.

Ms. Purnima Sharma briefed students about different ways of waste segregation that can be done at their homes. Mr. Arun Khanna encouraged students to practice simple things that can be helpful for the environment. Mr Yashpaul Sharma talked about the harmful effects of using plastic bags.





QUIZ ON BIODIVERSITY - MAY 25

K.C. Public School organised a quiz based on the Biodiversity and Culture of Jammu and Kashmir on 25 May 2023. The quiz was hosted and moderated by Mr. Rahul Thakur. The competition consisted of 4 teams with 2 players each which were named after the rivers of Jammu and Kashmir -- Jhelum, Chenab Tawi and Indus. The participants of the Jhelum team were Kritin Jain and Ryna Dogra. The Chenab team was represented by Arnav Gupta and Vanshika Bhat. Harshita Rajput and Rushil Verma were part of the Tawi team and the Indus team had Manvika Mehta and Nandini to represent it. The quiz consisted of 16 questions with one team answering 4 questions each.

Scoring Pattern:

10 points were awarded for the correct answer; else, the question was passed on to the next team. 5 points were awarded to the team if they hit bull's eye.

The atmosphere was exhilarating with teams trying their best to outdo one another. The audience witnessed a great contest among teams Chenab, team Jhelum and team Indus. Eventually, team Indus snatched the victory by answering the 16th question correctly. Team Jhelum and team Chenab were tied at the second place. The participating students were awarded certificates. Mr Sanjay Pandey, Vice Principal, appreciated the effort of all students taking part in the Quiz.





KC REEL PLAYERS PRESENT OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF HINDI PLAY 'MAHABHARAT: EK DHARM YUDH' AT MANDUA OPEN AIR THEATRE - MAY 26, 2023

The parents of senior students of KCPS who staged the Hindi play 'Mahabharat: Ek Dharm Yudh' at the Mandua OAT under the banner 'KC REEL PLAYERS' on May 26 witnessed the finest theatrical performance ever put up by the students of the school. The play was directed by Mr. Saish Gunjikar, PGT in English, who joined the school recently.

The well-known Indian mythological classic is perhaps the richest human creation in terms of the philosophy of human existence and has been dramatised umpteenth times on stage and through other media.

All the actors performing lead roles from the classic played their parts to perfection under the guidance of their director. Performers of lead female roles in the play left the audience spell-bound with their histrionic talent.

In his vote of thanks speech, Vice Principal Mr. Sanjay Pandey conferred unreserved praise on the students for their incredible performance and congratulated Direct Saish Gunjikar for setting a benchmark in the long tradition of theatre at KC Public School.

Principal Mr. Amarendra Mishra who had wished the play success before its performance congratulated all the actors individually after the end of the show.





KC SCIENCE CRUSADERS ORGANISE WORKSHOP ON PROGRAMMING FOR KCPS STUDENTS

KC Science Crusaders organised a workshop for the students on the introduction to the world of programming and technology. The resource person, Naveen Gupta, who is a young aspiring Data Scientist, enlightened the students about the concepts of data science.

He motivated students by presenting different software that he has made on his own. The main aim of this workshop was to motivate students about the CIPHER Camp wherein students will learn the basics of programming.







KCPS STUDENTS TAKE PART IN WALKATHON ON 'SAY NO TO POLYTHENE'

A walkathon on the theme 'Say No to Polythene' was organised by Jammu Municipal Corporation on 29th May 2023 from Parade Ground through Hari Singh Raj Tilak Road, Purani Mandi, Super Bazaar and Model Academy Road.

100 students of KCPS along with 6 teachers participated in the awareness campaign. The campaign was beneficial as it gelled with the RS Ideal of Environmentalism.

Mayor Shri. Rajinder Sharma addressed the students in attendance and made them aware of the hazardous outcomes of the usage of polythene and how it impacts the environment.

This is yet another major event related to the conservation of environment in which students of KCPS have participated and benefited from as students of a Round Square affiliated school.



KCEANS ATTEND POSTCARD MEETING HOSTED BY THE BRITISH SCHOOL NEW DELHI

A Round Square Postcard meeting on 'World Hunger Day', hosted by the British School, New Delhi on 26 May 2023 was attended by Arjun Sharma of XII B, Nipun Padha of XI B and Shriya Koul of XII D along with their teacher Mr. Saish Gunjikar.



KCEANS ATTEND ROUND SQUARE CONFERENCE HOSTED BY LAWRENCE SCHOOL, SANAWAR



Six students of KC Public School escorted by Round Square Rep Manoj Kapoor participated in the 5 days' Round Square Conference hosted by The Lawrence School, Sanawar from June 5 to 9, 2023. The delegates in the age group of 11 to 13 years were Aseemta Gupta, Aviral Kapoor, Ahaana Kohli, Garv Sharma, Harshit Kotwal and Vivaan Saroch. About 244 delegates from 27 Round Square member schools including Mayo College Ajmer, The Doon School, Dehradun, and Daly College Indore attended the Conference.



KCPS STUDENTS COMPLETE ADVENTURE TREK TO SAACH PASS REGION IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

Twenty students of KC Public School recently completed a two day's adventure trek in the Saach Pass region of district Chamba, Himachal Pradesh under the aegis of the International Award for the Young People (IAYP) and the Adventure Ideal of the Round Square. They were escorted on the trek by Dr. Ram Thakur, Ajay Thappa, Rajni Dubey, Nishu Dubey and Rahul Thakur. The team of student trekkers consisted of Aadhar Kapoor, Aarush Sharma, Arnav Gupta, Dyuti Sharma, Mayank Padey, Naitik Mohan, Rahul Anand, Ria Nargotra, Shaurya Mahajan, Shivika Singh Manhas, Diya Dubey, Agrima Parashar, Adhiraj Singh Jamwal, Nayan Pandita, Diya Salathia, Subhagi Sharma, Aashvi Sharma, Ojaswi Sambial, Kritin Jain and Sarwani Chowdhary.





On the first day of the trek, they undertook a steep climb of about 6 KM from Satnala to the ancient heritage temple of Chamunda Devi located at the village of Devi Kothi at an altitude of about 8000 ft. After paying obeisance at the shrine, they descended to Satnala for lunch prepared by the school cooking team. On the second day of the trek, they trekked from Bairagarh to Kala Ban at an altitude of about 10000 ft. However, they could not make it to Saach Pass since it was still closed due to heavy snow on the ground. During the second day's trek, the students benefited a lot by studying high altitude flora such as stunted rhododendron, Bhoj Patra trees and a variety of alpine flowers like primula.

11 of the 20 students completed the trek to fulfil adventure requirement for the Bronze Award of the IAYP and the rest of them enjoyed the trek as students of an exclusive school from J&K affiliated to the Round Square.



CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY 2023 IN SCHOOL

Students and teachers of KC Public School celebrated the International Yoga Day 2023 in the self-of-quadrangle on June 21. They performed Yogic exercises in tandem with Ms Priyanka Sharma, a Junior School teacher, who is a trained and experienced Yoga Instructor. Everyone experienced the power of meditation during the hour long Yoga session.

