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# The Harbinger

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## KCPS STUDENTS AT RS CONFERENCE HOSTED BY VIVEK HIGH SCHOOL CHANDIGARH



Vivek High School is hosting a Round Square Conference from 3rd April to 7th April, 2024 for students aged 13-14. With the theme “Discover More,” the 5-day event will feature dynamic icebreakers, influential keynote speakers, immersive workshops, thoughtful Baraza discussions, and a visit to a serene hill resort.





**ROUND SQUARE CONFERENCE AT VI-VEK HIGH SCHOOL CHANDIGARH - OPENING CEREMONY**

KCPS delegates posing with Mrs. Rajbir Sandhu, Schools' Support Director, South Asia & The Gulf.

**ROUND SQUARE CONFERENCE AT VIVEK HIGH SCHOOL CHANDIGARH - DELEGATES AT BARAZZA SESSIONS**

After the opening ceremony, student delegates were divided into Barazza Groups in which they discussed the theme of the Conference.



## KCPS VICE CHAIRMAN ARJUN CHOWDHARY VISITS ROUND SQUARE SCHOOL SCOTCH COLLEGE IN PERTH, AUSTRALIA



Arjun Chowdhary, Vice Chairman of KC Public School, visited the 3rd and the last Round Square school in Australia – Scotch College, Perth – today morning. He interacted with the faculty of the school and discussed matters related to Round Square activities such as collaborations and student exchange programmes. Here are some images of his visit with Mr Richard Spence, Director of Teaching and Learning and Mr Brad Gill, Acting Head Master of Scotch college.

## KCEAN CHITVAN RAKWAL WINS BRONZE MEDAL IN WUSHU CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

KCPS student Chitvan Rakwal of Class VI A participated in the recently concluded 23rd Sub-Junior Wushu Championship 2024-25 (Boys & Girls) organized at Jammu University by the J &K Wushu Association from March 26 to 31.



## KCPS JUNIOR SCHOOL MARTIAL ARTISTS WIN MEDALS



Three students from the Junior Wing of K.C. Public School won medals in the Sub Junior Judo Championship 2024-25. Among them, Sidhant from Class 4 secured a silver medal. Saarya Rana from class 2 also shone brightly, securing a silver medal. Devina Bhat from Class 4 bagged a bronze medal. The championship took place at Sacred Heart College, Paloura, Jammu.

# EARTH DAY WEEK 2024



## KEY HEALTH AND SANITATION OFFICIALS OF JMC VISIT KCPS ON WORLD EARTH DAY

Dr. Vinod Sharma (Health Officer, JMC), Harjeet Singh (Sanitation Officer, Zone-II), Anoop Sharma (Sanitary Inspector) and Vijay Tiwari (IEC Expert, JMC) visited KC Public School on the World Earth Day 2024 to interact with members of the KC Paryavaran Sadan -- the Environmental Club of the school. The interactive event was held in the activity hall of the school with a gathering of dedicated individuals committed to environmental conservation in alignment with this year's Earth Day theme, 'Plastic vs Planet.' After several interactive discussions, the visiting JMC officials were then led out on a guided tour of various sustainable initiatives taken up KC Paryavaran Sadan such as a compost pit, a vermicompost pit and a hydroponics setup which demonstrate school's commitment to innovative solutions for waste management.



The event also coincided with the ongoing 'Green Fortnight' initiative launched by KC Paryavaran Sadan from April 8 to 22 to encourage students and staff to turn off lights and fans for 30 minutes every day to conserve energy and spread awareness about the importance of energy conservation for a sustainable future.

## ELECTORAL AWARENESS TEAM VISITS KC PUBLIC SCHOOL



Dr. Vikas Sharma, (JKAS), Assistant Commissioner of Development (Jammu) along with other members of Systematic Voter's Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) visited KC Public school to spread awareness among students about the parliamentary elections taking place in the country this year. Dr. Sharma is the Nodal Officer of the SVEEP team in Jammu. He was accompanied by Dr. Avineet Parasher, an ardent supporter of voters' education and awareness about electoral process. Dr. Sharma and other team members of SVEEP addressed KCPS students in the school activity hall and exhorted them to understand and accept the significance of their roles in motivating the citizens of a democratic country to exercise their right to franchise. They underlined the gravity of the situation in our country where a sizable number of voters are either unaware of or reluctant to exercise their right to vote to elect representatives for the State Assemblies and the National Parliament. They pointed out that students as future voters should play the role of brand ambassadors of electoral participation and thereby create awareness among the masses for larger participation in the electoral process. It was indicated clearly that KCPS has been shortlisted as a brand ambassador school in Jammu region for the implementation of electoral awareness programme.



# ENGLISH LANGUAGE WORKSHOP



English language teachers of both Junior and Senior wings of KC Public School are undergoing a series of weekend workshops this term to upgrade their teaching skills. The interactive sessions are held at the Round Square Centre, moderated by Dr. Ram Thakur.

## KCPS STUDENTS' COUNCIL ELECTIONS 24

As a Round Square school, we put the Round Square ideal of Democracy to practical use by conducting elections for the leadership positions in the school for a given academic year. In 2023, our students with support from the faculty of ICT department devised the electronic voting system and thereby ushered in technology to save the use of paper. This year too, EVMs are being used to conduct the elections. We bring you a few visuals here to showcase this major annual event and how students themselves feel about electing their own reps for the Students' Council.



## KCPS DELEGATES PERFORM WELL AT MUN-24 HOSTED BY RICH HARVEST SCHOOL

A delegation comprising 11 delegates from KC Public School participated in the MUN-2024 hosted by Rich Harvest School, Bari Brahmana from April 19 to 21. About 250 students from elite schools in J&K took part in the event. The Conference included 5 committees, namely, UNHRC, UNCSW, AIPPM, LOK SABHA, and INTERNATIONAL PRESS.



The KCPS delegates put up a sterling performance in the Conference. Avin Pandita won Best Delegate award in UNHRC, Suhas Koul was awarded Best Delegate award in Lok Sabha, Jasmine Chibber received Special Mention in IP Photography, Neharika Sharma and Kalash Bhat secured Verbal Mention in UNCSW, and Achyut Khajuria also bagged the Verbal Mention in UNHRC. The other KCPS delegates who participated in the conference were Mrinmay Mehta, Ryna Gandotra, Unnati Raina, Shreedha Gupta, Gaurang Dhar and Shivansh Sharma. Medhaj Pathania served as the Under Secretary General of the 3-days long conference, whereas Vardan Raina and Rahul Anand were the Organising Committee Members from KCPS. The delegates gained immense exposure from the event. It was a proud moment for them to hold the Best Delegation trophy and hoist the school flag high.

# CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL LABOUR DAY

This day is traditionally celebrated in KCPS every year on May 1. Kceans invite the entire school support staff to a venue in the school and pay tribute to them for their valuable services in the form of an entertaining cultural programme followed by tea and snacks which students insist on serving with their own hands.



# 'DEAR' (DROP EVERYTHING AND READ) ACTIVITY



## KCEANS ATTEND ROUND SQUARE POSTCARD ZOOM MEETING HOSTED BY DHIRUBHAI AMBANI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MUMBAI



Four KCPS students in the age group 11 to 13 took part in the virtual meeting mentioned above. The theme of the meeting was 'Equality with Never Odd Or Even'.

## TRINITY COLLEGE LONDON COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH - DISTRIBUTION OF CERTIFICATES

KC Public School is a registered examination centre for Trinity College London Communication Skills in English international programme. Kceans from both Wings of the school first gain in-depth knowledge of its syllabus through their English teachers and then appear for an examination before an external examiner.

### TRINITY COLLEGE LONDON EXAMINATION CENTRE



Recipients of Certificates for Communication Skills in English

# JUNIOR WING EVENING OF ENGLISH PLAYS AT MANDUA OPEN AIR THEATRE



## INVESTITURE CEREMONY 2024 OF KCPS (SENIOR WING)

Elections are organized by students themselves, using electronic machines (EVMs) developed by them. Teachers perform the roles of polling officers in the conduct of the elections. All elected members are administered oath of office at an investiture ceremony which was held today in the sports hall of KC Sports Club. Parents of all elected and nominated members of the Students' Council for the year 2024-25 graced the occasion with their presence.



# KCPS DELEGATES ATTEND MUN HOST- ED BY GD GOENKA SCHOOL

KCPS delegates to the GDMUN-24 performed fairly well.



# INTER HOUSE EXTEMPORARY DECLAMATION CONTEST IN ENGLISH FOR MIDDLES



Jammu House



Ladakh House



Kashmir House



Poonch House





## CAREER GUIDANCE SESSION



A Session on Career Guidance for Classes 11 and 12 by TC Global Paramita Roy, a Ph. D scholar from TC Global in Delhi. The session focused on enlightening students about various career paths after school and scholarship opportunities for different international universities and entrance exams. The session was informative and served to equip students for their future endeavours. took the helm of a career counseling session for grade 11 and 12 students on Wednesday, May 8, 2024.

## AN EVENING OF ENGLISH PLAYS AT MANDUA OPEN



Classes IX A, IX C and IX E presented their English plays in front of their parents at 7.30 PM on May 10 at the open air theatre. All the 3 plays were very well prepared and offered actors wide range of emotions.

## KC PUBLIC SCHOOL JUNIOR WING INVESTITURE

Members of the KCPS Students' Council for Junior Wing were administered oath of office in an elegant Investiture Ceremony on the morning of May 11 held in the Multi-sports Hall of KC Sports Club. Parents of the Council members graced the occasion with their presence. The event was presided over by Mrs. Arti Chowdhary, Managing Director of KC Public School. Newly inducted Deputy Managing Director Mrs. Tanvi Chowdhary was also present on the occasion.



The ceremony commenced with the march-in of all Students' Council members and Prefects of 4 Houses. It was followed by singing of the school song. Thereafter, Headmistress Sofia Jamwal administered a collective oath of office to all the newly appointed members of the Council. Finally, badges and sashed were conferred on them by Mrs. Arti Chowdhary, Mrs. Tanvi Chowdhary, Vice Principal Mr. Sanjay Pandey and HM Sofia Jamwal.

## VALUABLE RURAL EXPERIENCE FOR CLASS 9 STUDENTS



A trip to a rural village Kana Chak near Jammu for class IX was organised on Friday, May 3, 2024 by Radhika Mahajan and Sonia Sharma, both PGTs in Commerce. The visit was inspired by a chapter in their Economics curriculum titled ‘The Story of Village Palampur’. It proved to be an enriching experience as students immersed themselves in farming activities and village life, gaining firsthand experience.

The trip also included visit to historical sites, facilitating deeper understanding of rural culture. Engaging with locals provided valuable insights into villagers’ daily lives and helped students getting connected with nature and community.

## SPECIAL AWARENESS ASSEMBLY ON NATIONAL DENGUE

Dr. DJ Raina, J&K Malariologist from the Directorate of Health Services, addressed students of KC Public School at a special assembly on the occasion of the National Dengue Day celebrated annually on May 16.



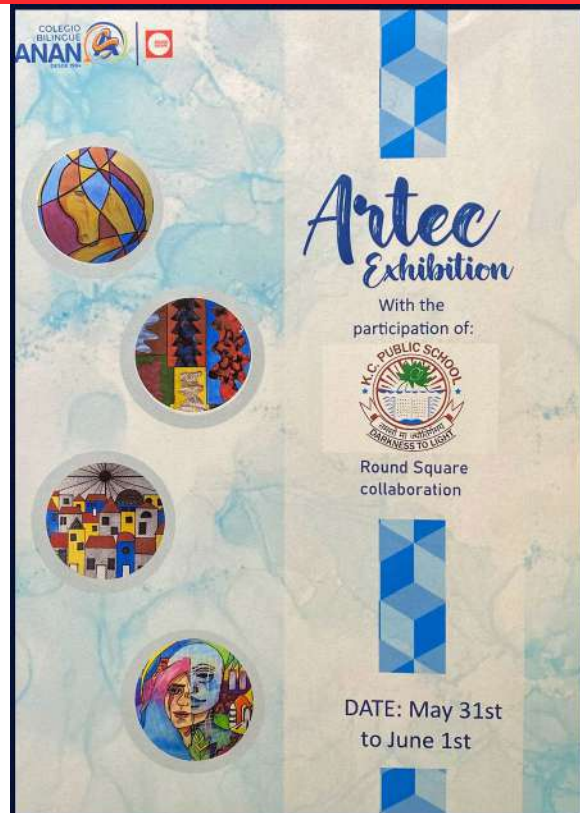
## Industrial Visit by KCPS Commerce Students to RCF Kapurthala



Inspired by the mandatory project work as per CBSE curriculum for subject Business Studies, an industrial visit to the Rail Coach Factory in Kapurthala for Business Studies students was organised on Saturday, May 11, 2024 by Radhika Mahajan, PGT Commerce.

## ART COLLABORATION WITH COLEGIO BILINGUE ANAN, ECUADOR, SOUTH AMERICA

We are pleased to inform our friends that KCPS students from grade I to XII took part in the international art collaboration with this Round Square school in Ecuador, South America recently. We have received a poster from this school in which it is indicated that the paintings sent by KCPS students for this collaboration will be put up in their Artec Exhibition scheduled on May 31 and June 1.



## KCPS GYMNASTS SELECTED FOR DIVISIONAL LEVEL GYMNASTICS (ARTISTIC) TOURNAMENT 2024



The Inter School zonal level Gymnastics tournament was organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports for Under-14 and Under-17 girls recently. Two students of KC Public School, namely, Rivka Bansal of class 7 and Sadhya Sharma of class 8 put up their best performances in the event and were selected for the Divisional Level Gymnastics (Artistic) Tournament 2024.

## KC PUBLIC SCHOOL HOSTS 'SEEDS OF HOPE AND ACTION' (SOHA) EXHIBITION ARRANGED BY BHARAT SOKA GAKKAI (BSG)



The exhibition arranged in the Multi-sports Hall of KC Sports Club on May 21 was inaugurated by Arti Chowdhary, Managing Director of KC Public School along with Principal Amarendra Mishra, Vice Principal Sanjay Pandey and BSG representative Seema Ahuja. The exhibition aimed at stimulating reflection, discussion, and ideas from youth on how to achieve the SDGs by 2030 and create a world where 'No one is left behind.' The exhibition featured 25 panels put up by the BSG representatives which were well explained by members of the KC Paryavaran Sadan, all centering around the themes of hope and action in combating climate change and promoting a greener future.

## KC PUBLIC SCHOOL AWARDS ROUND SQUARE KING CONSTANTINE MEDAL 2023 TO AADHAR KAPOOR



The Round Square King Constantine Medal for the year 2023 was awarded to Aadhar Kapoor who passed out of school in 2024 after completing his class 12. The medal was presented to him by the school Principal Mr. AK Mishra in a special morning assembly held on May 27 to which parents of Aadhar were also invited.

Aadhar intends to pursue his mission to serve the underprivileged and the down-trodden segments of society in the coming years during his career as a student.

## KCPS BEGINS 2ND ROUND OF BASIC COUNSELLING SKILLS FOR TEACHERS



KC Public School kicked off the second round of Basic Counselling Training programme for its teachers which is part of the school's ongoing commitment to providing holistic education and support to its teachers and students. Saloni Priya, Director, Uneed Counselling and consulting Services, Kolkata, is a counselling psychologist with over 24 years of experience who led the workshop on May 25 and 26. The training programme aims to equip teachers with essential counselling skills and strategies to better address the diverse needs of students. By enhancing their understanding of mental health issues, effective communication techniques, and strategies for building positive relationships with students, teachers will be better equipped to provide emotional and mental health support within the school community. With the increase in stress levels among students and the growing prevalence of emotional issues, it has become imperative for teachers to possess the necessary skills to address these concerns. By offering professional development opportunities like this training program, K C Public School actively demonstrates its commitment to students' mental and emotional health.

## 40 CHILDREN FROM JAMMU RED CROSS HOME FOR HANDICAPPED VISIT KC PUBLIC SCHOOL

As a Round Square school, KC Public School is deeply committed to the Service Ideal of the Round Square and has established several students-led platforms for rendering service to people, especially children, who deserve compassion, help and assistance by virtue of being marginalized, deprived or handicapped. 'Aasra' is one such students-led service initiative which takes up service activities from time to time.



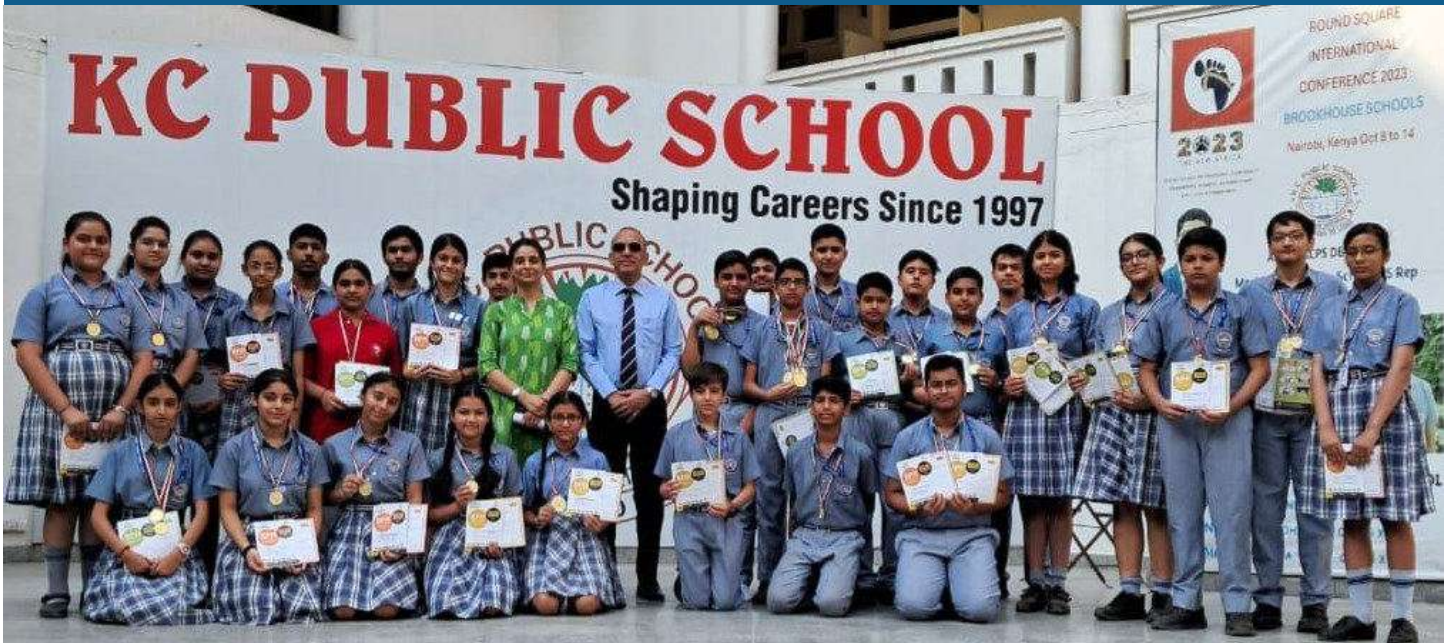
## INTER HOUSE DECLAMATION IN HINDI FOR MIDDLES



3 participants from each House took part in this event. The topic of the contest was 'Mobile - Suvidha ya Asuvidha'. All the contestants expressed their views energetically. Vice Principal Mr. Sanjay Pandey gave away the certificates and complimented the participants for their quality of eloquence.



## FELICITATION OF SCIENCE OLYMPIAD FOUNDATION AWARD WINNERS



KCPS students who took part in various categories of Olympiads conducted by the Foundation performed well and won a number of awards which are listed below:

1. International General Knowledge Olympiad (IGKO) : 5 Class Topper Gold Medals of Excellence
2. International English Olympiad (IEO) : 13 Class Topper Gold Medals of Excellence & 05 Zonal Gold Medals of Distinction
3. National Cyber Olympiad (NCO) : 02 Zonal Gold Medals of Distinction
4. International Math Olympiad (IMO) : 16 Class Topper Gold Medals of Excellence & 03 Zonal Gold Medals of Distinction
5. International Social Studies Olympiad (ISSO) : 01 Class Topper Medal of Excellence & 16 Class Topper Gold Medals of Excellence
6. National Science Olympiad (NSO) : 03 Zonal Gold Medals of Distinction

## KCPS SCIENCE CRUSADERS CLUB MEMBERS VISIT MVD UNIVERSITY



An educational trip to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra for the students of classes 8 to 12 on May 28, 2024 was organised by science teachers Kapil Kashyap and Surbhi Mahajan under the aegis of the KCPS Science Crusaders Club. KCPS students got the opportunity to explore the ongoing research and field work and were provided with a comprehensive knowledge of the recent research endeavours being carried out at the famed University.

## KCEANS ATTEND ROUND SQUARE ZOOM POSTCARD MEETING HOSTED BY NEW CASTLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL AUSTRALIA



'Unmuting our Voices for the Future' was the theme of this virtual meeting. 4 KCPS students who attended it were very happy with their experience.

## National Financial Literacy Assessment Test (NFLAT)

KC ENTREPRENEURS CLUB, in collaboration with the National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE), conducted the National Financial Literacy Assessment Test (NFLAT) for students from classes VI to XII. The NCFE aims to equip students with basic financial skills needed to make informed and effective financial decisions throughout their lives. The test was coordinated by Radhika Mahajan and Sonia Sharma of Commerce Department. Nearly 250 club members participated in the computer-based test which was a valuable experience for all of them.



## KC Entrepreneurs Club Organises Field Trip to Domino's Pizza



A field trip to Domino's Pizza for class 6th was organised on May 30 as a part of the initiatives of the ENTREPRENEURS CLUB. Students had hands-on experience on how to make and bake a pizza. They enjoyed the experience of having to make their own pizzas and were very enthusiastic and excited about it. They were later treated to the pizza that they had baked. They enjoyed the experience of trying their hands at making a pizza in a professional kitchen. They were also awarded 'The Domino's Junior Pizza Maker' certificates in appreciation of their culinary skills.

## INTER HOUSE DEBATE IN ENGLISH



The Inter-House Debate in English for the current academic year took place on May 29 and 30, 2024. The event showcased enthusiastic participation from all four Houses, each fielding two teams each. It was a test of critical thinking, rebuttal handling, research, and argumentation skills. Following intense preliminary rounds, Poonch House (Team 1) and Jammu House (Team 2) advanced to the finals, where Poonch House (Team 1) emerged victorious, securing the top honours. The final round was a captivating exchange of words, showcasing exceptional arguments and rebuttals from the delegates. Manyata Bakshi and Suhas Koul were awarded 'Best Speakers' for their outstanding presentations, confidence, and adept handling of rebuttals.

## KC PARYAVARAN SADAN HOSTS AWARENESS TALK BY REGIONAL MANAGER OF INDIAN POLLUTION CONTROL ASSOCIATION

The Environment Club of KCPS, aka KC Paryavaran Sadan, hosted an informative talk by Mr. Ranvir Singh, Regional Manager, EPR, for the benefit of the members of the Club in the activity hall of the school. The erudite guest speaker made the audience aware of the magnitude of environmental challenges human beings face today and reiterated the need for effective management and control of the waste materials.



## KCPS ORATORS CARRY THE DAY AT THE YOUTH SENATE HOSTED BY KC INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



KC International School hosted its inter-school Youth Senate on May 30, 2024. Ten leading schools of Jammu participating in the event were Jodhamal Public School, KC Public School, Heritage School, Cambridge International School, Jammu Sanskriti School, Model Academy School, International Daily Rising School, Army Public School Kaluchak, IDPS and host school KCIS. The agenda discussed in the Senate was 'Integrity of Ladakh's Demand on 6th Schedule and Statehood' under which various issues such as role of BJP in the past 5 years after abrogation of Article 370, deliberation on electoral bonds and campaign finance reforms, balance between economic development and sustainable resource management were discussed. The Verbal Ninjas of KCPS with their sharply honed oratorical skills under the guidance of Mr. Saish Gunjekar put up an outstanding performance at the event and made a clean sweep of almost all top honours. KC Public School was also honoured with the Best School Award for their outstanding performance.

## KCPS CRICKETERS CLINCH VICTORY IN INTER SCHOOL TENNIS BALL CRICKET TOURNAMENT



Our under-17 boys' and girls' teams clinched victory in the Inter-School Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament hosted by the Jammu Tennis Ball Cricket Association on May 30 and 31, 2024. Despite challenging conditions including intense heat, our players exhibited unwavering determination and commitment. In a thrilling final match against Shourya International School, they secured victory by 8 wickets, showcasing their exceptional skill and bringing great pride to our school.

## 'BAKE A CAKE' FUND RAISING INITIATIVE BY KCPS STUDENTS ON PTM DAY



# **DRONE TECHNOLOGY CONTEST AT KCPS**

On May 30, 2024, an exciting drone competition took place. We are thrilled to announce that Team Falcon emerged victorious. The team demonstrated exceptional skills, winning three out of the five key categories: the knockout race, pit display, and verbal presentation. This outstanding performance secured their well-deserved win and a spot in the national competition.



# **KCPS ADEVENTURE TREK TO SAACH PASS REGION 2024**



# INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY - JUNE 21, 2024

