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July 2023

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# Panorama

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**W****NDERITES!**

**AT SWS WE TAKE PRIDE IN**  
CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE  
CURIOSITY IS APPRECIATED  
QUESTIONS ARE ENCOURAGED  
AND DIFFERENCES ARE RESPECTED

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Students,

Our Wonderites are participating in various activities across their classrooms, Houses and Enrichment Clubs with great enthusiasm. While making learning fun and interesting, we also aim to connect our students with their traditions, heritage and culture. At SWS, we constantly remind our students to be responsible and act accordingly, as every action goes on to make a difference in this world.

As someone has rightly said, "Leaders don't create followers. They create more leaders." In today's day and age, leadership is not just about authority but about empowering others around us. Leadership and learning go hand in hand, and that is where the role of a school comes into play – to create leaders of tomorrow who can take charge and drive a positive change. To identify dynamic and deserving student representatives, we started the process of selecting the Student Council and by July we had zeroed in on our future leaders. The investiture ceremony will be held in the first week of August.

I would like to share with all of you that Smart Wonders School was the venue of the CBSE two-day Capacity Building Program on Social Sciences. Over 45 teachers from across the Tricity and Punjab region were a part of this workshop. We, here at Smart Wonders, ensure that our teachers are constantly trained about the latest pedagogies and that the teaching-learning in the classrooms is par excellence.

August, for sure, is going to be one of the most action-packed months in our calendar. We are hosting SWS Confluence, our very own inter-school competition, for which the theme is 'Our Choices, Our World'. The event aims to drive home the need and importance of adopting sustainability in our lives. Leading schools from across the Tricity will be participating in a series of competitions. The future belongs to our children, and together with these children, we hope to create a future that is peaceful, prosperous and free of poverty and inequality.

"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain." On that note, I would like to request all my students and those reading this message to enjoy every moment of their life, make new friends, gain varied experiences and never hesitate from stepping out of their comfort zone to try something new and interesting.

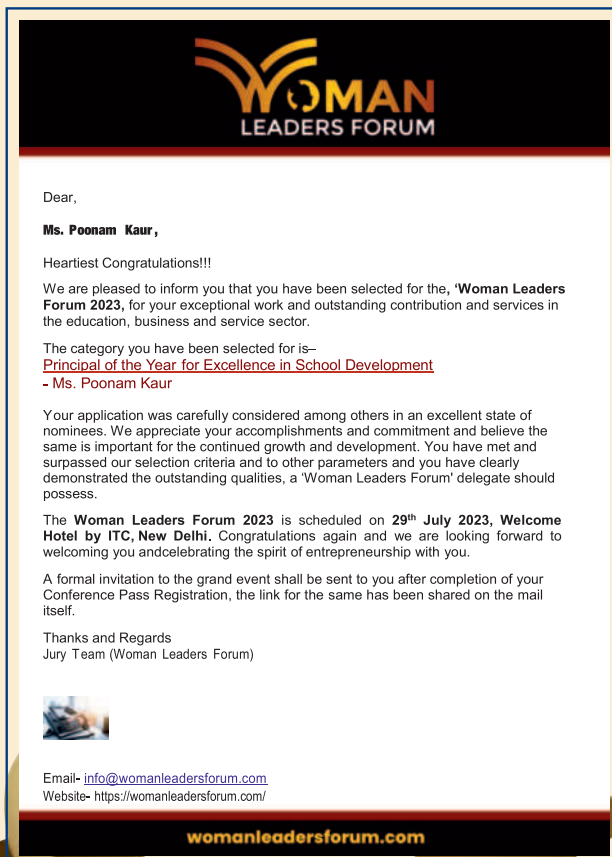
Warm regards  
Poonamjit Kaur



# Felicitation at the Woman Leaders Forum, 2023

We are proud and pleased to share the news of our Principal, Ms. Poonamjit Kaur, being felicitated at Woman Leaders Forum and presented with the prestigious 'Principal of the Year for Excellence in School Development' award for her exceptional work and outstanding contribution and services in the education, business and service sector.

It is a moment of great pride for the entire SWS family, and we wish our Principal, our very own icon of inspiration, many more achievements and much continued success!





## Lemonade Party

A lemonade party is a perfect way to beat the heat during summers and bring a smile on everyone's face. To introduce sweet and sour taste to the tiny tots and also to show the process of making this healthy drink, a 'Lemonade Party' was organised for the students of Foundation Years. Students were thrilled to prepare the lemonade by squeezing the lemons, adding sugar and salt and stirring everything with a spoon. To enhance the taste, mint leaves were also added to this refreshing beverage. This hands-on learning activity was thoroughly enjoyed by the students and they relished having the instant and healthy lime water with their friends. Principal, Ms. Poonamjit Kaur appreciated students' efforts and advised them to keep themselves hydrated during summers.



# Tiling Pattern Activity



Playing is undeniably a powerful and fun way of learning. An understanding of basic Math skills can be significantly enhanced when we incorporate games into the learning process. During an activity in class 3, the students used colourful blocks to understand the concept of tiling patterns. They formed groups to perform the activity and enjoyed the challenge of adding up the tiles along with their peers.

**Our little learners were bubbling with energy to play and learning happened easily along the way!**

Students of 3A



Students of 3B



Students of 3C



Students of 3D





# French National Day Celebrated at SWS

## *La fête nationale de la France»*

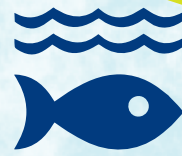
The department of French at SWS commemorated French National Day on 14th July by conducting activities across classes 4 - 10. Giving wings to their creativity, the students of class 4 and 5 made beautiful French flags and greeting cards to familiarise themselves with the French Revolution and the subsequent events thereof. The students of classes 6 to 10 made some attractive book covers to highlight the theme of 'Bastille Day', and understand the significance of the National Festival with a deeper perspective. The activities enabled the students to express their love for the language and certainly enhanced their knowledge about French history.

### Attractive Creatives and Book Covers



### Flags and Greeting Cards





## Wonderites Present Assemblies on 'Life Below Water'

The students from the Junior as well as the Senior Wing conducted assemblies to create awareness about 'Life below Water', the SDG – 14 of the United Nations.

The students of class 3A, during their assembly, spoke about the importance of protecting the oceans. They also recited a poem and shared some amazing facts related to marine life, followed by small initiatives they could take to save the aquatic lives. The efforts and enthusiasm of the students was appreciated by the Junior Wing Head, Ms. Sarika Sharma.

Class 8A students highlighted the need for conserving and sustainably using oceans, seas and marine resources. They informed the audience about various challenges faced by sea creatures across the globe, such as water pollution, overfishing and climate change. They also enacted a play to drive home the importance of taking conscious steps to preserve aquatic life. Vice Principal, Ms. Raina Chona encouraged the students to abstain from creating any kind of water pollution.

Appreciating their efforts, Principal, Ms. Poonamjit Kaur requested all the Wonderites to be kind, compassionate and generous to all those sharing the planet with us, whether on the land or below the water.

### Students of Class 3A during their Assembly



Students of Class 8A during their Assembly





## Kargil Vijay Diwas



The students of class 1C presented an assembly to commemorate Kargil Vijay Diwas. They shared various informative facts about the 1999 Kargil war and sang a patriotic song to pay their homage to the brave martyrs who laid their lives fighting for our nation. An emotional enactment was also presented by the little Wonderites to sensitize everyone about the sacrifices made by our soldiers. The assembly instilled a sense of great pride and gratitude amongst the audience.

Junior Wing Head, Ms. Sarika Sharma, applauded the students for such a brilliant display of patriotism. Principal, Ms. Poonamjit Kaur also appreciated the efforts of the students and encouraged them to always be the pride and honour of our nation.



# Van Mahotsav Celebrations



## Assembly to commemorate the Festival

The students of class 3B presented an informative assembly on Van Mahotsav to highlight the history and significance of this annual tree planting festival. They sang a melodious group song to create awareness about the role of trees in maintaining ecological balance. A presentation showcasing the students planting saplings around their homes was also screened. Appreciating their efforts, Junior Wing Head, Ms. Sarika Sharma stated that preserving our environment is a collective responsibility. Principal, Ms. Poonamjit Kaur also encouraged everyone to take small initiatives in making our planet a greener place to live in.





### Green Day in UKG

Green is the colour of renewal, nature and energy which is closely associated with growth, freshness, harmony and environment.

The students of UKG celebrated 'Green Day' to understand the importance of various colours, especially green, in our lives and our surroundings. Adorned in lovely green outfits, the students engaged in an interesting takeaway activity with their peers and made a beautiful turtle using their own hand impression print. With great zeal and confidence, the little Wonderites also presented their thoughts on how the green colour energises and revitalizes our lives.





### T-shirt Painting Activity in Class 2

The students of Foundation Years engaged in a fun-filled and interesting T-shirt painting activity. With the help of various real leaves and fabric colours, they made beautiful leaf impressions on their bright white T-shirts. The curiosity to learn through this hands-on experience was evident as they participated with great enthusiasm and enjoyed every bit of this work. The activity imbibed a sense of moral responsibility in the students towards keeping their planet clean and green by supporting the conservation of trees.



### Sapling Plantation in Class 5

To commemorate Van Mahotsav and contribute their bit in making our surroundings cleaner, greener and better, the students of class 5A planted saplings in the school campus. The students were guided by their educator and the school gardener on the right way of sowing seeds and taking care of young plants. They learned that trees not only help purify the air and take care of various natural resources such as water and soil, but also have a huge role to play in tackling the dangers of climate change all across the globe.





School participates in 'One Child One Plant' Campaign

The Senior Wing students of our school are actively participating in the 'CBSE - One Child One Plant' campaign, a nationwide tree plantation project being run from 29<sup>th</sup> July to 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. As a part of this green initiative, Wonderites have come forward to volunteer and be a 'Plant Parent'. Various saplings and young plants are being handed over by the school to these students, bestowing them with the responsibility to take care of those plants and monitor their growth.

Vice Principal, Ms. Raina Chona appreciated everyone for their enthusiastic participation. Encouraging other students to follow suit, Principal, Ms. Poonamjit Kaur said, "Environmental education forms an integral part of our school curriculum, wherein we sensitize our students about various environmental issues and urge them to adopt an environment-friendly lifestyle."



## School Hosts Capacity Building Programme by CBSE

Smart Wonders School recently hosted a two-day CBSE training programme on 'Capacity Building in Social Sciences' in its premises. Attended by over 45 teachers from various schools across Punjab, the program emphasised on the importance of integrating the existing teaching methodologies with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills for active learning. Our Principal, Ms. Poonamjit Kaur; Vice Principal, Ms. Raina Chona; Head Junior Wing, Ms. Sarika Sharma; Senior Wing Coordinator, Ms. Parul Bhargava and Primary Years' Coordinator, Ms. Payal Bedi also attended the session.

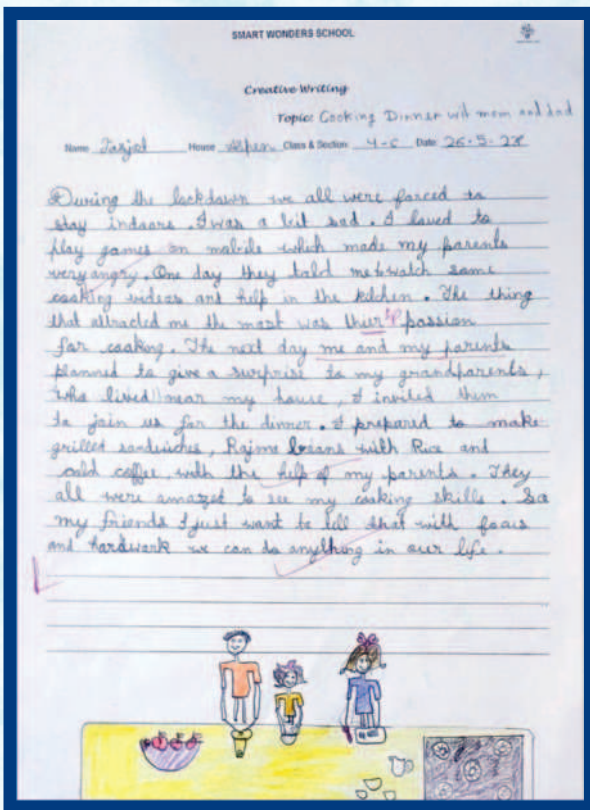
Ms. Veena Singh and Mr. Ram Kumar Sharma, the esteemed resource persons from CBSE, facilitated the program. Sharing insights from the National Curriculum Framework 2005 and the New Education Policy 2020, they laid stress on the need for adopting new strategies to teach Social Science in today's age. They also spoke about some conventional as well as up-and-coming career options for those who are keen on pursuing this subject.

Principal, Ms. Poonamjit Kaur lauded the profound expertise and commitment of the resource persons to impart valuable knowledge. She also appreciated the educators for their enthusiastic participation and encouraged them to incorporate this learning in the regular classroom teaching.

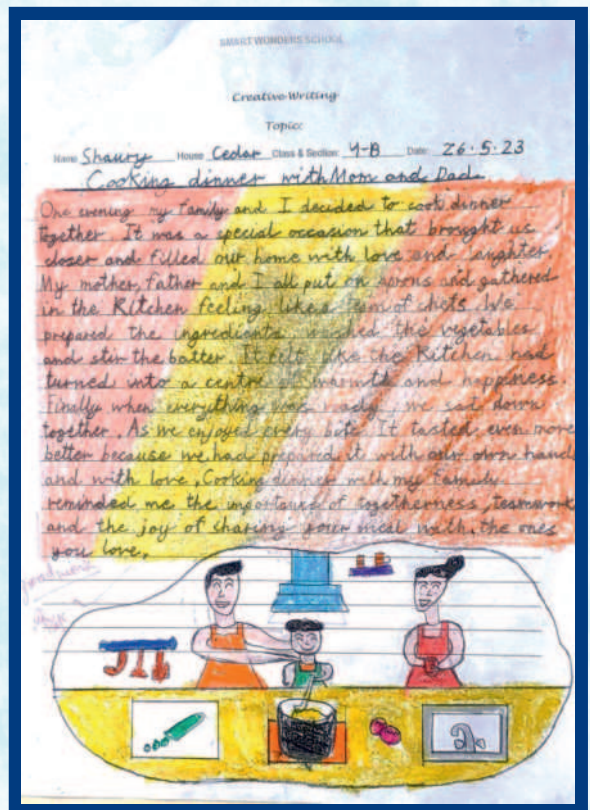




## Students' Corner



Jasjot, 4C (Aspen House)



Shaurya, 4B (Cedar House)

### Environmental Tragedy

Famous author Henry Miller once said, "The world is not to be put in order. The world is in order. It is for us to put ourselves in unison with order." Our environment is getting polluted because of the deleterious impact on our earth due to use of polythene. We all are aware that the government has already banned the use of polythene yet it is observed that it is still a prominent part of our daily lives. For instance, in the vegetable markets, vendors give vegetables to the customers in polythene bags. Most of the products like groceries, clothes, shoes etc. are packed in polythene bags. Hence, the government should take effective steps to avert the use of polythene which is the root-cause of the pernicious effect on our Environment.

by - Rishita Bhardwaj  
Class - 8A  
Literary Club





## Teacher's Viewpoint

### 'ONE STATE, ONE UNIFORM'

The Tribune (School Edition) – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**T**HE policy can be seen from different viewpoints, depending on the context and the specific goals it aims to achieve. Proponents of the policy argue that having a single uniform promotes a sense of unity and national identity. By removing visible distinctions among individuals based on their clothing choices, it can foster a shared sense of belonging and minimise divisions or biases associated with different socioeconomic backgrounds or personal preferences. By eliminating the need for expensive or fashionable clothing, it can help provide a level playing field, especially in education settings, where students may face peer pressure or bullying based on their attire. By having a single uniform design, it becomes easier to produce and distribute in large quantities, potentially reducing costs for individuals and families. Mandating a single uniform may stifle creativity and discourage diversity in appearances. In multicultural societies, enforcing a single uniform may be seen as an attempt to homogenise diverse cultural practices and expressions. Ensuring compliance across a large population requires substantial resources and may require strict regulations or penalties. Maintaining a standardised uniform may require continuous updates to adapt to changing fashion trends or technological advancements, which can be difficult to manage.

**Anamika Mehta**, Smart Wonders School, Mohali





## Inter-House Sell Well Competition

With the aim of equipping the young students with an entrepreneurial bent-of-mind and a creative streak, an 'Inter-House Sell Well Competition' was conducted for classes 8, 9 and 10. Students belonging to different houses fiercely competed with each other during this event.

All the four teams were assigned products on the spot in the final round. Each team had seven minutes to prepare their pitch, followed by five minutes to present and convince the audience about the benefits and profitability of their product. Each team showcased immense team spirit, excellent speaking skills and exemplary entrepreneurial abilities.

Their performance was judged by Senior Wing Coordinator, Dr. Parul Bhargava and HOD – Social Science, Ms. Nupur Makkar. The efforts of the students were appreciated by Vice Principal, Ms. Raina Chona. Principal, Ms. Poonamjit Kaur congratulated the students for an excellent display of their marketing prowess.

### Pictures from the Event





**WINNERS OF THE COMPETITION**

1<sup>st</sup> Position – Cedar House  
Product Assigned – Coffee Mug



Members of Cedar House with their House Mistress, Ms. Indevir Gill

2<sup>nd</sup> Position – Maple House  
Product Assigned – Laughing Buddha Statue



Members of Maple House with their House Mistress, Ms. Manju Kapoor

3<sup>rd</sup> Position – Oak House  
Product Assigned – Decorative Candle



Members of Oak House with their House Mistress, Ms. Upasna Sharma





## Avid Readers

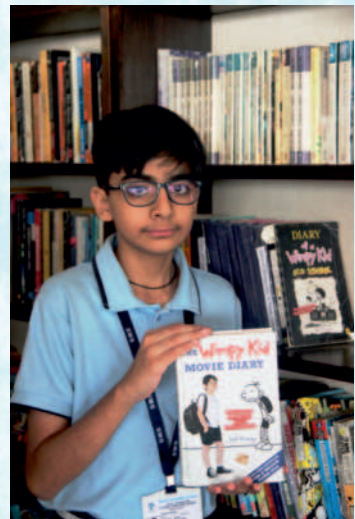
"Some books leave us free and some books make us free."  
~ Ralph Waldo Emerson



Agreem Shrivastava 4C



Aradhaya Sharma 6C



Danish Manuja 7A



Gurniwaaz Kaur Saini 5B



Gursirat Kaur Hundal 6B



Ishvin Singh Juneja 3D

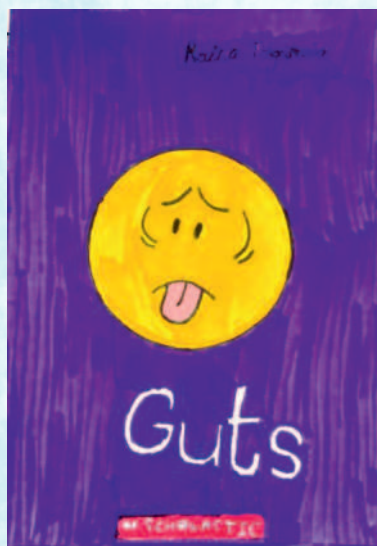


## Book Covers

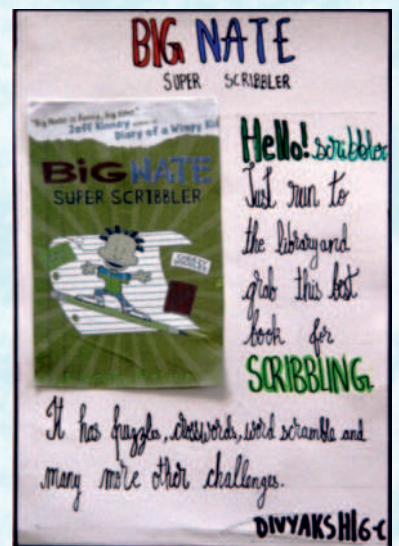
"Reading should not be presented to children as a chore, a duty. It should be offered as a gift."  
~ Kate DiCamillo



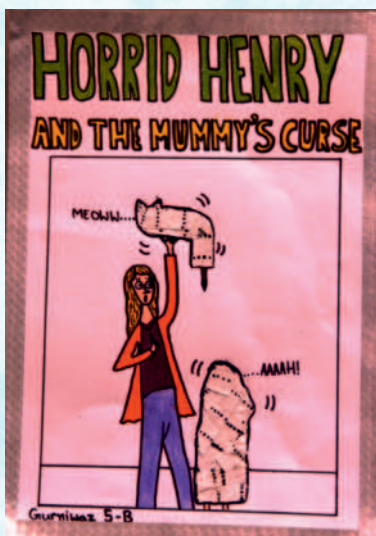
Abhinoor Sood 4A



Ashmeet Kaur 6B



Divyakshi Gupta 6C



Gurniwaaz Kaur Saini 5B



Gursirat Kaur Hundal 6B



Hargun Kaur 6B



# In The News

## SMART WONDERS, MOHALI

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Smart Wonders School, Sector-71, Mohali



workshops specifically highlighted the importance of the programme. The students showcased their creativity and practical application in the form of posters, dioramas, and creative writing. The principal appreciated the students' participation and encouraged them to continue their efforts in environmental education.



## School participates in One Child, One Plant initiative

The senior wing students of Smart Wonders School, Sector 71, Mohali have been actively participating in the 'CBSE - One child, one plant' campaign, a nationwide tree plantation project being run from July 29 to August 28. As a part of this green initiative, a large number of Wonderites have volunteered to be a 'plant parent'. Various saplings and



monitoring their growth. A part of the school curriculum

## School hosts capacity building programme by CBSE



A two-day CBSE training programme on 'Capacity building in Social Sciences' was conducted at Smart Wonders School, Sector 71, Mohali. The programme, attended by over 45 teachers from schools across the tricity and Punjab region, emphasised the importance of integrating 21st century skills and active learning methods in teaching methodologies. The resource persons, Veena Singh, former principal of Unison World School, Dehradun and Ram Kumar Sharma, head of History Department, Government Model Senior Secondary School, Sector 40, Chandigarh, facilitated

## Smart Wonders School, Sector-71, Mohali

A two-day CBSE workshop on 'Capacity Building Programme on Social Science' was conducted at the school. The programme, attended by over 40 teachers from schools across the Tricity and Punjab region, aimed at equipping them with enhanced teaching methodologies and strategies. Resource persons were Veena Singh, founder Principal of Unison World School, Dehradun, and Ram Kumar



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Teachers and students of Smart Wonders School during a plantation drive.

## VAN MAHOTSAV CELEBRATION

### Smart Wonders School, Sec 71, Mohali

An assembly was conducted by class III students to commemorate Van Mahotsav, the pan-India tree planting festival. The students highlighted the history and significance of Van Mahotsav and shared that protecting and preserving the environment is a collective responsibility. They sang a melodious group song and a presentation on planting saplings around their homes for creating awareness about the role of trees in maintaining



## Smart Wonders kids take part in tree plantation drive

MOHALI: The senior wing students of Smart Wonders School, Sector 71, participated in the 'CBSE - One child, one plant' campaign, a nationwide tree plantation project being run from July 29 to August 28. As a part of this green initiative, students volunteered to be 'plant parents' and young plants had been handed over by the school to the students, bestowing them with the responsibility of taking care of them and monitoring their growth. School principal Poonamjit Kaur said, "Environmental education forms an integral part of our cultural curriculum."





# *Congratulations & Celebrations*

We are delighted to share some pictures from the birthday celebrations of our ever beautiful and beloved Principal, Ms. Poonamjit Kaur - a woman of substance and a wonderful human being.









# SMART WONDERS SCHOOL

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