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### *Founder's Day Celebration: A Tribute to Vision and Innovation*

*To mark the occasion of Founder's Day, a vibrant and intellectually enriching Skill Fair was organized in loving memory of our beloved father, the Late Lamented His Grace Thomas Mar Anthanasios. The event stood as a heartfelt tribute to His Grace's visionary ideals and enduring legacy, celebrating the core values of learning, creativity, and innovation that he so deeply cherished.*

*The fair was inaugurated by the distinguished Mr. Prashant Rout, CGM-HR, Gujarat Refinery, in the presence of esteemed dignitaries, the founder's family, former teachers of the institution, principals from reputed schools, as well as a large gathering of teachers, students, and parents.*

*The Skill Fair featured a remarkable array of student-led exhibits and projects, showcasing originality, practical skills, and thoughtful expression. Each exhibit reflected the creativity and dedication of the young minds behind them and was met with high praise and admiration from all attendees.*

*More than just a display of talent, the event fostered a spirit of collaboration, innovation, and excellence, inspiring the entire school community to uphold and carry forward the noble vision of Late Lamented His Grace Thomas Mar Anthanasios with pride and unwavering dedication.*



# HANDICRAFTS



Handicrafts play a vital role in childhood development by enhancing creativity and imagination. When children engage in making things with their hands, they learn to express themselves freely and explore their ideas. These activities also help improve fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination, which are important for writing and other daily tasks. Working on crafts requires concentration and patience, teaching children to focus and see a project through to the end. Completing a craft boosts their confidence and gives them a sense of achievement. It also encourages problem-solving and planning, as they learn to follow steps and adjust when things don't go as expected. Additionally, handicrafts often reflect cultural traditions, helping children appreciate and understand different heritages. Crafting provides a healthy emotional outlet, allowing kids to express feelings and reduce stress. When done in groups, it also promotes teamwork, communication, and social skills, making it a valuable and enriching part of childhood.



# PAPER ROLLING ART



The skill fair proudly displayed the intricate handicraft skills the children had developed, transforming simple paper into surprisingly beautiful articles. On Founders' Day, this artistry blossomed as they presented their creations – delicate paper flowers, woven designs, and sculpted figures – each piece a testament to their patience and newfound dexterity. The sheer creativity and skillful manipulation of paper left onlookers thoroughly impressed by their artistic journey.



# ABACUS



The abacus sessions has been a resounding success, with students demonstrating remarkable proficiency and finesse. At the skill fair, their fingers danced across the beads with effortless precision, showcasing their mastery of mental calculation. This expertise was further showcased on Founders' Day, where they astounded the audience with their lightning-fast calculations and unerring accuracy. The synergy between cognitive agility and manual dexterity was truly captivating, highlighting the enduring value of this ancient tool in modern times.



# CLAY MOULDING



As part of the Skill Fair, students enthusiastically participated in a Clay Moulding activity, exploring their creativity and enhancing their fine motor skills. Using soft clay, they skillfully shaped kitchen utensils, birds, and other imaginative figures. The hands-on experience allowed them to better understand form and texture while also developing patience and concentration. It was a fun and educational activity that sparked artistic expression among the young learners.



# FOLK DANCE



Folk dances can be a powerful way of learning for students, offering both educational and personal development benefits. Through folk dances, students gain a deeper understanding of their own culture and the traditions of others, helping to foster respect, tolerance, and appreciation for diversity. These dances often tell stories or represent important aspects of daily life, making history and social studies come alive in a fun and engaging way. Physically, they promote coordination, rhythm, and fitness, while mentally, they enhance memory, focus, and creativity. Working in groups to learn and perform folk dances also teaches teamwork, discipline, and communication skills. Overall, incorporating folk dances into education not only enriches students' knowledge but also supports holistic growth in an enjoyable and meaningful way.



# DANDIYA DANCE



Dandiya, in its traditional form, has roots as a tribal dance in Gujarat. Originally performed by tribal communities to honor Goddess Durga, it was a way to celebrate harvests, victories, and religious rituals. The dance used sticks (dandiya) to symbolize swords and was a form of storytelling through movement. Over time, it evolved into a popular folk dance, especially during Navratri, but its tribal origins reflect deep cultural traditions and a strong connection to nature, mythology, and community life. It holds cultural and religious significance as it symbolizes the battle between Goddess Durga and the demon Mahishasura, celebrating the victory of good over evil. The colorful attire, rhythmic stick movements, and vibrant music also promote unity, joy, and community bonding.



# LEZIM DANCE



The powerful, rhythmic beats of the Laazim drums resonated through the skill fair, hinting at the energetic welcome the children had prepared. On Founders' Day, as Chief Guest Mr. Prashant Raut, Chief General Manager of HR Department of Gujarat Refinery Vadodara, arrived, the students erupted into a vibrant Laazim performance. Their synchronized movements, the forceful clash of small sticks, and the sheer enthusiasm of their welcome were truly captivating. Chief Guest along with every member of the audience, was mesmerized by this dynamic and spirited traditional dance, a powerful and memorable start to the day's celebrations.



# FROSTING FLAVOUR



"The Skill Fair provided students with a wonderful opportunity to explore their culinary creativity. They enthusiastically learned to prepare a variety of flavorful recipes such as cold coffee, Bombay sandwich, bhel, masala khakhra, and corn chaat. In addition to these savory treats, students also discovered the art of working with different frosting flavors, adding a sweet touch to their learning experience. The event was a perfect blend of fun and skill-building, leaving students inspired and eager to try their new recipes at home."



# PHONICS



The school's skill fair offered a promising glimpse into the students' grasp of phonics. However, it was their Founders' Day performance that truly illuminated the effectiveness of these lessons. On stage, the children articulated words with such assuredness and precision, transforming abstract sounds into clear communication. Their confident delivery resonated deeply, leaving the audience not just impressed, but genuinely in awe of the strong literacy foundation being built within the school.



# SINGING MANIA



The energy at the skill fair was infectious, fueled by the enthusiastic performances of the "Singing Mania" participants belting out their favorite tunes. This vibrant spirit reached its peak on Founders' Day, where these young vocalists took center stage, their voices soaring with passion and surprising skill. The sheer joy and musicality radiating from their performance had the entire gathering tapping their feet and cheering for more, a true celebration of their burgeoning talent.



# SPORTS MASTERY



The skill fair buzzed with athletic prowess at the "Sports Mastery" demonstrations, showcasing the children's developing agility, speed, and teamwork across various disciplines. This mastery was on full display during their Founders' Day exhibition, where they executed Rhythmic fusion dance with impressive coordination and enthusiasm. From swift footwork to accurate throws, their performance highlighted not only their physical abilities but also the dedication and discipline honed through their sporting endeavors, leaving the audience thoroughly impressed by their athletic achievements.



# BAKING AND STEAM COOKING



The Baking and Steam Cooking session during the Skill Fair turned into a delightful culinary adventure where students learned to prepare a variety of delicious and healthy dishes. They explored the art of steam cooking by making traditional South Indian recipes like idli sambar, nool puttu, puttu, and adda, understanding the nutritional benefits and techniques behind steaming. Alongside this, students also dabbled in the world of baking, where they discovered the basics of making cakes and cupcakes—measuring ingredients, mixing batters, and decorating their own sweet creations. The activity was not only fun and flavorful but also taught students essential kitchen skills, time management, and the joy of creating something from scratch. It was an enriching experience that blended tradition, taste, and creativity on a single plate.



# DIGITAL DESIGNING



During Skill Fair activity, students participated in an engaging digital designing session where they learned how to create beautiful birthday cards and invitation cards using Canva. This hands-on experience introduced them to the world of graphic design, where they explored Canva's easy-to-use tools, templates, and creative features. Students enjoyed designing their own cards, experimenting with colors, fonts, and layouts, and discovering how to turn simple ideas into eye-catching digital creations. The activity not only enhanced their creativity but also helped them build practical design skills that can be used in school projects and personal celebrations. It was a fun and inspiring session that sparked interest in digital design among many of the participants.



# JEWELLERY MAKING



The Jewellery Making session during the Skill Fair was a colorful and creative experience that allowed students to explore their artistic side while learning a timeless craft. Guided by step-by-step instructions, students learned how to design and create their own bangles, earrings, necklaces, and anklets using beads, threads, and other decorative materials. The activity encouraged attention to detail, patience, and creativity as they experimented with different color combinations and patterns. It was a hands-on experience that gave them a sense of pride in making wearable art with their own hands. Not only did the students enjoy the fun of crafting, but they also gained a deeper appreciation for handmade jewelry and the skill involved in the process.



# MADHUBANI PAINTING



As part of the enriching Skill Fair activity, students were introduced to the traditional Indian art of Madhubani painting, where they explored its rich heritage and vibrant styles. During the session, they learned about the Bharni style, known for its bright colors and detailed patterns, the Kanchana style, which uses intricate line work, and the Godna style, inspired by tribal tattoo designs. Through hands-on practice, students created their own Madhubani artworks, using natural themes, geometric patterns, and traditional motifs. The activity allowed them to develop an appreciation for Indian folk art while expressing their creativity through color and design. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with cultural traditions, enhance their artistic skills, and take pride in their handmade masterpieces.



# PUPPET MAKING



As part of the vibrant Skill Fair activity, students took part in an exciting puppet making session, where they explored the art of crafting different types of puppets. They learned how to make spoon puppets, Rajasthani string puppets, and paper puppets, gaining both creative and cultural knowledge through hands-on learning. The activity introduced them to the traditional charm of Rajasthani puppetry, alongside fun and simple methods to create expressive puppets using everyday materials like spoons, paper, and fabric. Students enjoyed decorating their puppets, bringing characters to life, and understanding how puppets can be used in storytelling and performance. This engaging session encouraged creativity, teamwork, and appreciation for Indian folk art, making it a truly enriching experience for everyone involved.



# SCIENCE EXPERIA



In a fun-filled and interactive session titled Science Experia, students dived into the fascinating world of science and innovation through a series of hands-on experiments and models. They explored the working of a 3D hologram, observed the functioning of an automiser, and understood the basics of a simple motor by building one themselves. The activity also included creative and practical tasks like candle making and using a thermocol cutter, giving students a blend of scientific knowledge and skill-based learning. Each station sparked curiosity and encouraged exploration, allowing students to understand scientific concepts in a fun and engaging way. This exciting experience not only enhanced their problem-solving abilities but also inspired them to look at science beyond textbooks, as a tool for real-world creation and discovery.



# SELF GROOMING



Beyond academics, the self-grooming section of the skill fair offered a creative outlet, with students enthusiastically embracing the art of Mehndi and nail design. At the Founders' Day celebration, the intricate henna patterns adorning hands and the miniature artistic expressions on fingernails were a testament to their newfound skills. This showcase highlighted a different kind of artistry, demonstrating the students' attention to detail and flair for personal expression, adding a colorful dimension to the day's festivities.



# SPOKEN ENGLISH



The Spoken English session at the Skill Fair was an empowering and confidence-building experience for students, aimed at enhancing their communication skills through interactive learning. Students engaged in various activities such as introductions, role plays, storytelling, and group discussions, which helped them improve their vocabulary, pronunciation, and sentence formation. The session encouraged students to express themselves clearly and confidently in English, breaking through hesitation and fear of public speaking. With a focus on practical usage and fluency, the activity created a supportive environment where students could practice speaking freely while receiving helpful feedback. It was a valuable step toward becoming more effective and expressive communicators.



# SPOTLIGHT DRAMA



The spotlight drama, "Zindagi Ke Mod" (The Turning Points of Life), delivered a powerful emotional punch at the Founders' Day celebration. The students' nuanced portrayals of life's pivotal moments resonated deeply with the audience. Their compelling acting and the play's thoughtful narrative left a lasting impression, showcasing not only their dramatic talent but also their insightful understanding of human experience, leaving many in awe of their maturity and skill.



# VEDIC MATHS



In an engaging and mind-boosting session on Vedic Maths, students discovered smart and speedy techniques to solve complex calculations with ease. The session introduced them to fascinating methods such as multiplication with 9s and 1s, finding the square of numbers ending with 5, and doing criss-cross multiplication—all without the need for a calculator. They also explored simplified tricks for subtraction, division, and multiplication using base values, which helped them approach numbers with more confidence and curiosity. This activity not only sharpened their mental math skills but also showed them how ancient Indian mathematical techniques can be applied in modern-day problem-solving. Students enjoyed the interactive approach and were excited to use their new skills both in the classroom and beyond.



# WARLI ART



The Skill Fair also featured engaging sessions on Warli Art, Lipan Art, and Glass Painting, offering students a vibrant platform to delve into different artistic traditions. In the Warli Art activity, students learned the ancient tribal art form of Maharashtra, using simple geometric shapes to depict scenes from daily life and nature. Lipan Art, a traditional craft of Gujarat, introduced them to the beauty of mirror work and clay patterns. Students enjoyed creating intricate designs that reflect cultural richness and creativity. The Glass Painting activity sparked excitement as students explored the art of painting on glass surfaces, using bright colors and bold strokes to bring their designs to life. These activities not only nurtured artistic skills but also gave students a deeper appreciation for India's diverse art heritage.





The Skill Fair was not just a celebration of student talents but also a moment to acknowledge the dedication of our teachers. A vibrant group photo captured the spirit of teamwork and enthusiasm shared by the faculty members who guided and supported the students throughout the event. Their collective efforts played a key role in making the fair a memorable and enriching experience for all.



*Thank You*



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