



SHIV NADAR SCHOOL
Education for Life

Early Years NEWSLETTER

Volume 1





From the desk of Director Principal

Dear Parent

As we surge ahead in our Decennial year with a more distributive team and potent Senior leadership in Shiv Nadar School, Faridabad, I am glad to launch the start of newsletters from my department heads.

Over the years, we have crafted and woven democratic processes, teacher agency and voice, in the fabric of our school functioning. Whilst master builders or founders bring tremendous value and gravitas, it is Teams that carry the baton forward.

With that vision in mind, I have striven to create, empower and enable my team to grow, expand and deepen their skills, knowledge, and competencies, stoking their hunger to learn and adapt to the dynamic changing educational landscape.

I am indeed proud of Preeti Gautam – Head of Early Years. She has grown with the school and evolved into a strong leader for grades Foundations Years to Grade 2.

Her newsletter will give you a broad and deep insight into the first quarter of the academic session 2024–25. Most definitely it will further add to your understanding of our pedagogy and teaching-learning process.



You will receive Preeti Gautam's update every quarter beginning with the launch edition in your inbox today.

Scroll and do read with care. Feel free to ask any questions that you would like to.

Best Regards

Anju Wal
Director Principal
Shiv Nadar School Faridabad
Director-Continuous Professional Development SNS



*From the desk of
Head of Early Years*

CHILDREN LEARN AS THEY PLAY. MOST IMPORTANTLY, IN PLAY CHILDREN LEARN HOW TO LEARN.

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As we progress through the academic year, I am excited to share updates from April and May and our ongoing efforts to support our young learners. The campus has been vibrant with joyful learning experiences. The smooth transition in these early weeks reflects the dedication of our educators and our strong partnership with you.

Our curriculum nurtures social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development, encouraging a love for learning through play, exploration, and creative expression. Our core values guide our educational approach. In these initial months, we focused on understanding each child better, following the principles of Universal Design for Learning (UDL). Our team has created a nurturing environment where every child can thrive. We aim to strengthen foundational literacy and numeracy skills equipping our students for future learning, and fostering a lifelong passion for discovery.

Instilling a love for reading is a key focus during these formative years. We've organized author visits and various reading activities to nurture this passion in our young learners.



We also prioritize social and emotional well-being, regularly conducting sessions on SEE Learning, Quality Circle Time, and personal safety awareness, including safe and unsafe touch.

The excitement of our learners was palpable during celebrations of Mother's Day, Eid, Rabindranath Tagore's Jayanti, and Earth Day, fostering a deep sense of belonging, cultural awareness, and environmental consciousness.

We were excited to have students back on campus after the summer holidays today.

Our journey has just begun, and I am confident that our shared dedication and collaborative spirit will continue to create enriching learning experiences for our students. Thank you for your continued support and trust.

Warm regards,
Preeti Gautam
Head Early Years



MEET OUR EARLY YEARS LEADERSHIP TEAM



Ms Sushrita Sarkar
Deputy Head- FY to KG



Ms Nuzhat Masood
Teaching Learning Lead- FY to KG



Ms Chhavi Katyal
Teaching Learning Lead - Gd 1&2



Ms Omu Sherpa
Teaching Learning Lead - Gd 1&2



Ms Sunaina Mehta
Grade Lead- Foundation Year



Ms Rashmi Dahiya
Grade Lead- Nursery



Ms Neha Kawatra
Grade Lead- Kindergarten



Ms Madhvi Bhalla
Grade Lead- Grade 1



Ms Sananda Nandi
Grade Lead- Grade 2

FOSTERING ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

Earth Day

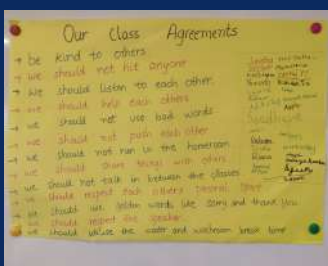


The Earth Day celebration across Foundation to Grade 2 exemplified a strong commitment to environmental stewardship. Students discussed their responsibility towards the environment, watered plants, and created 'Save Water' posters. Grade 2 performed a skit and song on environmental protection, while Grade 1 recited a pledge and danced to represent nature. Together, they showcased their dedication to making Earth a better place, emphasizing our shared responsibility in protecting our planet.

CULTIVATING RESILIENCE AND WELL-BEING

SEE Learning

Quality Circle Time



Our students have been actively participating in SEE Learning lessons, which foster compassion and resilience through social, emotional, and ethical learning. Additionally, engaging in Quality Circle Time has promoted social skills, empathy, and teamwork through group discussions and activities. These initiatives are helping our young learners build a strong foundation in emotional intelligence and interpersonal skills.

PROMOTING LITERACY AND A LOVE FOR BOOKS



Teacher in-role: (Garhi Aayi-
Aaye Aam)



Library Story Sessions



DEAR Time- Drop Everything and
Read

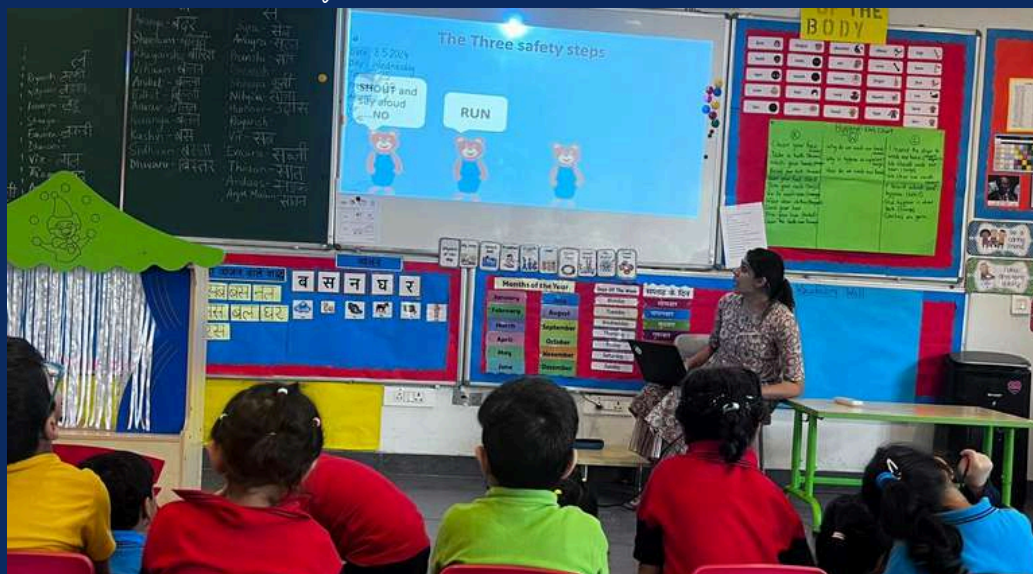


Author Visit - Ms Nupur Aggarwal

To enhance language and communication skills, our students have been actively engaging in storytelling sessions, teacher-in-role activities, and library visits. These experiences are designed to foster a love for books and literacy, as well as to cultivate critical thinking and empathy. Additionally, a special author visit brought stories to life, inspiring our young readers and writers.

FOCUSING ON HEALTH AND SAFETY

Personal Safety Sessions



Dentist Visit



To support our learners in developing personal safety awareness, we conducted essential lessons, including sessions on 'Safe Touch and Unsafe Touch' and the 'Importance of Safe Circle.' These aimed to help children distinguish between appropriate and inappropriate contact and respond appropriately. Additionally, a special visit from a dentist taught them about oral hygiene. These activities are crucial for ensuring our young learners understand the importance of staying safe and healthy.

CELEBRATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNER OF ASIA'S INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL LEADER OF THE YEAR 2024

PEARSON INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL TEACHER AWARDS 2024

We are delighted to announce that Ms. Anju Wal, Director Principal – Shiv Nadar School Faridabad, and Director of Professional Development – Shiv Nadar School, has won the prestigious Pearson International School Leader Award of the Year 2024 – Asia Region.

Pearson, the world's top learning firm, honours educators for their outstanding accomplishments around the globe. This prestigious recognition honours Ms. Anju Wal's remarkable leadership, dedication, and steadfast commitment to Shiv Nadar School's vision and values, and it reflects her hard work and significant influence.

Please join us in celebrating Ms. Anju Wal on this well-deserved success. Her visionary leadership and passion to creating a thriving learning environment continue to have a significant impact on our school community.



Ms. Anju Wal

Director Principal
Shiv Nadar School, Faridabad



Celebrating Our
School core Values



Commemorating
Tagore Jayanti



Celebrating Eid
Assembly



Celebrating Family- Mother's Day

Our recent celebrations have beautifully highlighted our school's cultural diversity and sense of community. We honored Mother's Day, Eid, and Tagore Jayanti through special assemblies and activities, fostering respect and understanding among our students. These events not only celebrated our rich cultural heritage but also emphasized the values of empathy, unity, and appreciation for different traditions. Through these vibrant celebrations, our students learn to appreciate and respect the diverse world around them.

FOSTERING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

Summer Fun Party



Our Summer Party was a joyful and vibrant event, bringing together students and teachers, for a memorable celebration. Filled with games, music, and refreshments, the party provided a wonderful opportunity for our school community to relax and have fun. This festive event marked the end of the first quarter with laughter and camaraderie, creating cherished memories and reinforcing the bonds within our school family.

COLLABORATING WITH PEDAGOGICAL PARTNERS

Language Orientation



We also conducted a language workshop for parents to help them understand our educational approach and how they can support their child's foundational learning. The workshop provided insights into our teaching methods and offered practical tips for reinforcing these skills at home. By partnering with parents, we aim to create a cohesive learning environment that enhances our students' language and numeracy development.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Exciting events await in the next quarter:

July

- Joy of Sharing Week
- Celebrating Family: Father's Day
- Language and Math Orientation – Nursery and KG parents

August

- Math orientation – Grade 1 and 2 parents
- Meet and Talk for all grades
- Funkaar for Grades 1 and 2

September

- Literary Week for Grades 1 and 2



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