



In the words of Benjamin Franklin, the American polymath, "Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement and success have no meaning."

In the ocean of opportunities, MCKV has always striven to discover excellence in its voyage. Our constant endeavour to bring forth the best in ourselves, to settle for nothing less than perfection, to keep sailing

through the variable waters with the same merry smile have kept our values alive and simultaneously earned us glory. The well-deserved acknowledgment that our school has come by, serves as icing on the cake in the celebratory Silver Jubilee year of our school. This momentous while was also marked in the launching of The Melange, an online three-day inter-school competition to celebrate 25 glorious years of the school's achievements, wherein many prestigious schools from all over the country and outside our country participated.

Undoubtedly, the feats achieved in these years due to the combined efforts of the faculty and students have been tremendous. The key to more such triumphs is consistency - the ability to continue the grind, irrespective of the ever-changing situations that at times pose a hurdle on our paths. Indeed, all these remarkable endeavours undertaken have managed to extricate a name for MCKV from the tyranny of numbers and the muddle of mediocrity.

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Chief Student Editor

## THE SCHOOL EDUEXCELLENCE AWARDS 2021

A few more feathers in the cap for M.C. Kejriwal Vidyapeeth in its 25 years glorious journey! The school received three prestigious awards from "The School EduExcellence Awards 2021-3rd Edition" (an Eduexcellence Pvt. Ltd. initiative). We congratulate Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, our visionary Chairman, for winning the Excellence Award for School Administration, and Ms. Sanchita Sarkar, our Senior School Coordinator, for receiving the Excellence Award for Leadership in Classroom Management, in the Platinum Category respectively. The school has also received the Excellence Award for Continuous Professional Development in the Gold Category. Our heartfelt gratitude to our parents, students, teachers, and all the stakeholders for their invaluable support that helped us achieve this recognition.



## MCKV MELANGE

M.C. Kejriwal Vidyapeeth attained another milestone this year as it completed its 25 years long and tireless journey of imparting quality and holistic education.

To celebrate this glorious occasion of the Silver Jubilee year, the school organised a mega three-day Inter-School Festival- 'MCKV MELANGE' on the virtual platform.

The inaugural ceremony which took place on 24 September, 2021, was presided over by Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, the revered Chairman; Mr. Partha Sarathi Chakraborty, CEO; Mr. Neelkantha Gupta, Director, MCKV; Mrs. Mallika Mukherjee, Principal, MCKV; Mr. Arup Kumar Saha, well known Yoga teacher from Vietnam and other dignitaries. Eighteen schools, both national and international, were a part of this mega festival. These include Birla High School, Kolkata, The Heritage School, Kolkata, Delhi Public School Ruby Park, Aditya Academy Senior Secondary School, Dumdum, Madhusthali Vidyapeeth, Jharkhand, Holy Heart Presidency School, Amritsar, Fishtail Academy Secondary School, Nepal.

The three days' virtual competition was declared open by our Chairman highlighting the importance of such competitions for the all round growth and development of a student. A plethora of interesting and engaging events were conducted. On one hand, participants displayed their physical agility and dexterity in performing myriad complex asanas in the Yoga Competition- 'Happy Stretch', while on the other hand, students had to decode

the puzzling and mind-boggling questions in the 'Quizitch' (Junior School Quiz Competition) and 'Mindspark' (Senior School Quiz Competition). If 'Pantomime' (Junior School Role Play Competition) unleashed their creative and acting skills, 'Incognito' (Senior School Declamation Competition) unravelled those hidden gems, who have mastered the art of oratory.

In order to ensure fair judgement in all the events, a panel of eminent judges such as Ms. Hilda Peacock, Director, Gems Academia International School, Sudipta Dawn, celebrated theatre coach, Ms. Tania Nag, Ms. Sulagna Sen and Mr. Debobroto Ghosh, all renowned Yoga teachers, were invited to be a part of this special occasion. Mr. Rajib Sanyal, a well-known name in the world of quizzing, having hosted more than 3000 quizzes was the quiz master for 'Quizitch' and 'Mindspark'.

Though our school emerged as the Overall Winner of 'MCKV Melange 2021', the Chairman, very generously decided to forego it, being the host school, and declared The Heritage School, Kolkata and Aditya Academy Senior Secondary School, Dum Dum as the joint winners. The closing curtains to this mega festival were drawn on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2021.

Undoubtedly, the competitions upheld the thoughts of Pierre de Coubertin, "The most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well."



Mr. Neelkantha Gupta, Director, MCKV



Ms. Hilda Peacock, Director, Gems Academia International School



Incognito, Senior School Declamation Competition



Pantomime, Junior School Role Play Competition

## SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON GANDHI JAYANTI

**“Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable faith.”**



To commemorate the 152<sup>nd</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the universal apostle of peace and non-violence, a special assembly was organised on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2021 with a patriotic fervour. The assembly was conducted by Soham Paul of Class 5D and Anubhav Bansal of Class 5A. It commenced on an auspicious note with the morning prayer led by Shreyan Das of Class 4A and a spiritual energy was manifested through the chanting of shloka by Ayan Mahata of Class 8C.

Furthermore, in order to imbibe the true meaning of the day, Subhrojyoti Dutta of Class 5A recited a poem eloquently to pay homage to the noble soul towards evolving a peaceful and prosperous world. Through an inspiring script, the students shared and apprised everyone on the relevance of Gandhian thoughts and philosophy in the present scenario and Gandhiji's selfless actions towards the nation and its people. Punit Sonthalia and Krishnam Goyal of Class 6A, Vedant Hirawat of Class 4C, Shubhradeep Mishra of Class 4D, Harshil Nahata of Class 6B and

Aditya Saraf of Class 6B made the characters prominent. The skit was supported by a PowerPoint presentation by Mayank Agarwal of Class 11D. The thought provoking assembly concluded by a Bengali recitation by Parijat Banerjee of Class 5B and a blissful virtual tour of Sabarmati Ashram.

## SERVING THE ELDERLY



'Service to mankind is service to God', keeping this in mind, on the occasion of Mahalaya, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021, the Social Service Group and the Interact Club of M.C. Kejriwal Vidyapeeth embarked on a programme to visit Seba Old Age Home at New Garia. Like every year, this year also we venerated the elderly with gifts and served them lunch. The students greeted them with confectioneries and sweets. They also entertained them with songs which the elderly enjoyed thoroughly and some of them even participated wholeheartedly. They were also shown recorded video presentations by teachers and students. Moreover, our students had an enriching experience by listening to the life experiences of the revered elders. A festive lunch was served by the students with great zeal. The day came to an end by bidding them good bye with a heavy heart and promises to visit again.

## MS. PRAMILA SINGH'S FELICITATION

Ms. Pramila Singh, the Head of the Department, Hindi, was felicitated by Madhubun Educational Books for her exemplary contribution in the field of Hindi Language. Ms. Pramila Singh's work with regard to the importance and opportunities in Hindi language and the method of teaching the language through varied activities, was recognised by awarding her a memento and a certificate.



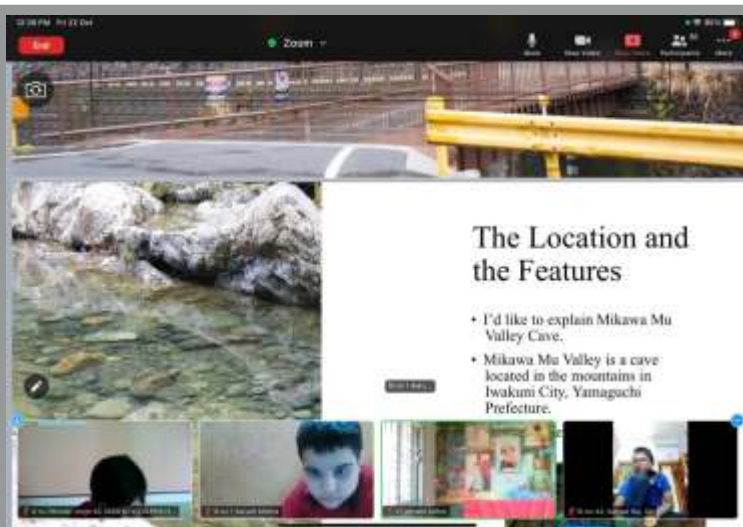
## CAREER FOCUS



The Department of Physics, MCKV, organised a webinar titled “Career Focus”, on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November, 2021 to bring the past and present students of the school together in a one of its kind interactive session. The webinar aimed at helping our present scholars get an idea about the academic path to tread on after their graduation from school. Our past students who are currently pursuing their careers in various reputed institutions came together to guide the youngsters about their approach and methods.

The panelists included our past pupils - Dr. Neel Ray (ISC 2014, MBBS, CMSDH), Dipanjan Ghose (ISC 2016, PG student at University of Texas), Rishit Singhania (ISC 2019, UG student at IIT, Kharagpur), Sanskar Jhajharia (ISC 2019, UG student at BITS, Pilani), Ankit Mondal (ISC 2021) who cleared KVPY, JEE Mains, WBJEE and ISI entrance and is also a NEET and IIT

Advanced aspirant. The two-hour long session was attended by the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders and the science students of grades 11 and 12. Mr. Neelkantha Gupta, our respected Director, also attended the webinar, and shared his valuable inputs and deep insights on the evolution of education and new dimensions of the same. The aspiring students received a lot of inspiration, information and insights from their seniors from which they will surely benefit a lot as they choose their own career paths for the future.



## BEYOND BOUNDARIES

The English Department of M.C. Kejriwal Vidyapeeth in collaboration with Takomari High School, Japan, embarked on a unique journey called the 'Pen Friend Project'. To give our students a global exposure and to revive the lost art of writing letters, in this technology driven world, students of Classes 4 and 5 engaged in a one of kind interaction, where they exchanged letters, PPTs, and emails with their Japanese friends. Children of both the schools were thrilled to communicate with each other. The entire project gave them a scope for life - long learning where they not only learnt grammar and letter writing, but also the core values of life-acceptance, fellow feeling, compassion and tolerance. In short, the interaction proved that letter-writing is certainly not a dying art today: it is, on the contrary, a vibrant, living art.



## BHATRI DWITIYA

On the occasion of Bhatri Dwitiya, the Social Service Group of M.C.Kejriwal Vidyapeeth embarked on a project to celebrate the bond of love between a brother and a sister on 5<sup>th</sup> November,2021.Four students along with three teachers visited Prabartak Seva Niketan, Chandannagar, to celebrate this pious festival with the residents comprising only girls. The girls anointed the foreheads of the students with 'tika'.Our students gifted them items of stationery and confectionery. This fostered a bond of fraternity with the these under-privileged girls who cherished the occasion with a loving smile. The students spent some quality time with these little girls by playing games with them and appreciating their efforts by giving them small rewards. The brother - sister relation thus created would teach our students to be protective and affectionate towards these little girls. They in turn took this gesture with joy and happiness.



## HISTORY WEBINAR



**"Excelling realms of possibilities: Be a Change Agent."**  
A webinar on Career Guidance in Legal Studies, Archaeology, Research and other possible scopes of Political Science.  
Organised by M.C. Kejriwal Vidyapeeth

 <b>Rituparna Dutta</b> <small>Master of Fine Arts, University of Delhi Formerly Reader at Universities, Hind Forge University of Teachers' Training, Education Planning and Administration.</small>	 <b>Akash Ganguly</b> <small>Advocate, Calcutta High Court, Alumnus of M.C.Kejriwal Vidyapeeth, IC 2015.</small>	 <b>Prathit Singh</b> <small>Formerly undergraduate in Political Science at Rajendra College, University of Delhi. A child rights activist, Research Intern at the Council for Strategic and Defence and Research, Alumnus of M.C.Kejriwal Vidyapeeth, IC 2018.</small>	 <b>Suvechha Ganguly</b> <small>Pursuing Master of Arts from the Department of Ancient Indian History Culture and Archaeology, Netaji Subhas University.</small>
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On 12 th November, 2021, the Department of History organised 'Excelling realms of possibilities: Be a Change Agent',a webinar on Career Guidance in Legal Studies, Archaeology, Research, and possible scopes of Political Science .

Prathit Singh, an alumnus of M.C.Kejriwal Vidyapeeth (ICSE 2018) and at present working as child rights activist and a research intern at the Council for Strategic and Defence and Research, spoke about the utility of pursuing Humanities and how Social Science is linked with our everyday life.

Akash Ganguly, an alumnus of MCKV (ISC 2015 ) and at present Advocate of Calcutta High Court, focussed on various aspects of legal studies.

Two other panelists were Rituparna Dutta and Suvechha Ganguly who focussed on research and scope of various career options in Political Science and on Archaeology and its other branches respectively. The students of Classes 8,9 and 10 interacted and learnt a lot.

Indeed, it was really a meaningful engagement and an enriching session for the students who were present virtually and catalysed the session for their own benefit in the days to come.

## COMMERCE WEBINAR

The Department of Commerce organised an enriching session on the topic "An Interdisciplinary Approach to Globalisation



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A Special Lecture on  
**"AN INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO GLOBALISATION AND INDIAN ECONOMY"**

Speaker:-  
Dr. Kingshuk Chatterjee  
Professor of History  
University of Calcutta

Date: 15th November,2021  
Zoom Platform  
Time: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

and Indian Economy", by Dr. Kingshuk Chatterjee, Professor of History, Calcutta University. The webinar was attended by the students of grades 9 and 11.

The session encouraged young minds to be inquisitive and ask questions. It focussed on developing an open mindset so that our students are prepared for the

global economy which they would be a part of in the near future. Young minds were given an opportunity to explore and to reason as well as to think beyond what they read in their textbooks.

Truly, it was an informative initiative for the students with great learning for each one of them.

## CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION



Childhood is the most beautiful of all life's seasons and what could be a better time to relive it than Children's Day.

This year, Children's Day celebration by M.C. Kejriwal Vidyapeeth on the virtual platform would remain forever etched in the memories of teachers and students as an unforgettable experience. The celebration began with a special assembly conducted entirely by the teachers. They stepped into the shoes of the students and said the daily morning prayer, chanted the shloka, highlighted the significance of the day, recited a beautiful poem and presented a soulful rendition.

This was followed by a plethora of events to delight, entertain and regale the students. Teachers made the day joyful and worth remembering for the children of the Pre-Primary and the Primary wing through various games, activities and movie shows. Amidst all these fun and frolic, they were also reminded about the importance of the day. The virtual events organised for the students of Classes 7 and 8 were creative and innovative in their own way. The programme initiated with teachers singing a medley of popular English numbers. The mesmerizing performance made the students tap their feet to the tunes of the songs

The fascinating 'Guess Who AM I' round left the youngsters bubble with excitement on being able to identify their teachers. The spoof video with all its humour made the students reminisce their offline classes. Finally, the mellifluous solo performance transcended the audience to a world of musical ecstasy.

The programme for the senior school students commenced with a symphonic instrumental presentation by the musical department of MCKV. Educators from various departments enthusiastically performed an amusing skit 'On The Line.' The short play humorously depicted the challenges faced by a teacher in an online class. The students also enjoyed the interactive quiz session with their teachers. It reminded them of the days when they were exhilarated to give the correct answer. The programme drew to a close by the inspiring words of Mr. Neelkantha Gupta, the honourable Director of MCKV.

The Children's Day celebration was indeed successful in adding colours to the lives of both the students and the teachers alike and diverted them a little from their everyday usual experiences.

## GURU NANAK JAYANTI

The auspicious occasion of Gurburab, the 552<sup>nd</sup> birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Devji, the founder of Sikhism, was celebrated on 18th November 2021 by recalling his teachings and his legacy in the spiritual world. The special virtual assembly on the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Devji, was conducted by Hridayam Sain of Class 4C and Gopal Agarwal of Class 4B.

Debadrita Das of Class 3B and Sayan Saha of Class 4D jointly commenced the assembly by invoking the blessings of the Omnipotent with a prayer.

Saptarshi Paul of Class 3D chanted the daily morning shloka. A voiceover on a PowerPoint presentation on the life and journey of Guru Nanak Devji as a spiritual leader was put up by Akshat Choumal of Class 4C. The Assembly on the virtual platform concluded by an enriching conversation between a Guru and a disciple, highlighting the significance of leading a life free from vices and service towards other living beings. The role of Guru and disciple was enacted by Adhiraj Kundu of Class 4D and Adhikesh Kundu of Class 4A respectively.

All the students participated with full zeal and gratified the audience with their astonishing performance to spread the message of oneness and compassion.



## Celebrating MCKV Success Stories – An interaction with Amitabh Mohan and former MCKVians.



The greatest glory for an institution is when its students achieve fame, success and joy. The evening of 25th November, 2021, filled the hearts of every member of the MCKV family with pride while they witnessed three of our past pupils, Raunak Sipani (ISC 2016), Vaibhav Chaudhury (ISC 2014) and Dr. Ankit Goel (ISC 2008) engage in a heart-to-heart conversation with Mr Amitabh Mohan, Founder & MD, HLS India in his famous show Showcase. The event was streamed live on YouTube. Hearing our former students share their story of triumph and jubilation, was indeed a moment of immense delight and contentment for the entire community. The team now eagerly awaits for the second installment as this was just the premiere episode of a three series long show.

## DUEL OF IDEAS: AN ONLINE DEBATE COMPETITION



On 27th November, 2021, M.C.Kejriwal Vidyapeeth hosted a one of a kind debate competition, 'Duel of Ideas', between its present students and the alumni. The debate was chaired by Professor (Dr) Suman K. Mukerjee, Director General, The Bhawanipur Education Society College, Kolkata. Our young debaters battled it out on the topic, "In the opinion of the house, learning English must be made compulsory

for all." The event was judged by Ms Moyuree Mukherjee, an active member of the Calcutta Debating Circle and Mr Biswajit Majumdar, Headmaster, M.C.Kejriwal Vidyapeeth. Acing the art of persuasion, Akash Goyal, an alumna of MCKV (ISC 2012), was declared the 'Best Speaker'.

The contest was a huge learning experience for our students as debates are a great tool in an interdisciplinary model of education. It also provided them an opportunity to augment the essential life skills of the 21st century- critical thinking, creativity, communication, collaboration, problem solving, compromise and acceptance

### ACTIVITIES AT THE FOUNDATIONAL AND PREPARATORY STAGES



Class -3 Hindi Skit 'Lalchi Bandar'



Role Play by Class - 4

We warmly welcome Ms. Simran Shaw in the Computer Department.

We heartily congratulate Mr. Rajorshi Chatterjee for being blessed with a baby girl.

Our heartfelt condolences to Ms. Debjani Kundu on the sad demise of her mother.