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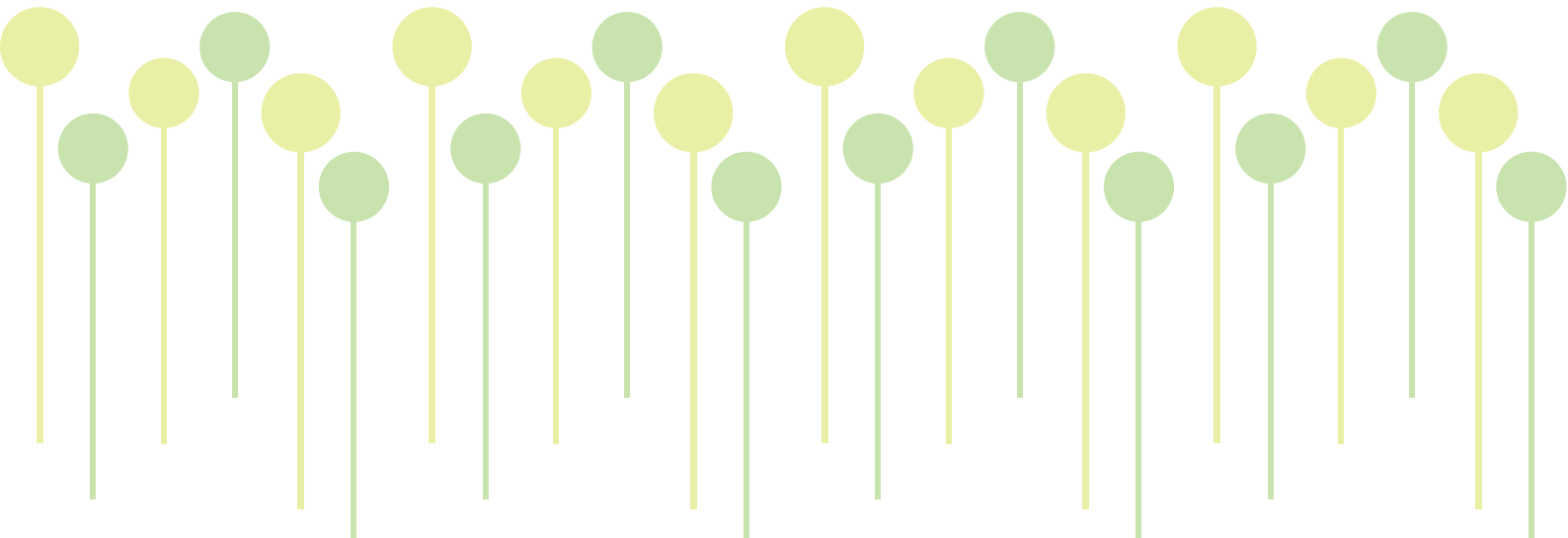
## From the Principal's Desk



Dear students, parents, and staff

As we embark on the new academic session, I warmly welcome all. This month marks the beginning of a journey filled with learning, growth, and opportunities. With enthusiasm and dedication, let's embrace the challenges and adventures that lie ahead. We focus on fostering a nurturing environment where each student can excel academically, socially, and emotionally. Together, let's strive for excellence, support one another, and create memories that will last a lifetime. Here's to a successful and fulfilling academic year ahead!

**- Mr. Maxwell Manohar Kothapalli,  
Director Principal, TM Patel International School**





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## Quote of the month

"Tiny hearts, big dreams! In every giggle, in every step, lies the magic of endless possibilities. Embrace each moment with joy, curiosity, and a sprinkle of imagination. Remember, you are the architects of tomorrow, painting the canvas of the future with your boundless enthusiasm and unflinching spirit."

## Article from the Coordinator



## Embracing Growth and Success

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

As we commence the new academic session, I am thrilled to welcome you all back to school. April marks the beginning of an exciting journey filled with learning and discovery. Our dedicated team of educators is committed to providing engaging and enriching experiences for every student. Together, let's embark on this journey of growth and achievement, laying the foundation for a successful academic year ahead.

**- Ms. Jai Datanwala**  
**Academic Coordinator**

# Activities @ School



## Academic Activities

### Fine Motor Skills - Nursery 'A'

Students engaged in a hands-on activity focused on fine motor skill development using roller sponge brushes to paint on canvas. They were encouraged to express themselves freely, and they explored colours and brushstrokes, fostering creativity while refining control and precision. Excitement filled the room as confidence grew with each stroke, demonstrating improved mastery. This exercise not only honed artistic abilities but also underscored the significance of fine motor skills in artistic expression. Through dynamic engagement, students gained practical insights into their talents, recognizing the synergy between creativity and precise motor control.



### Fine Motor Skills - Standing Line

In this activity, students participated in a creative activity using dots (bindis) to form standing lines within given circles. With precision and imagination, they carefully placed the dots (bindis) along the circles' edges, fostering attention to detail and fine motor skills. Through this activity, students not only enhanced their skills but also learned the importance of patience and creativity in artistic endeavours. Overall, it was an enjoyable experience that encouraged both skill development and self-expression.



### Colouring Activity - Prep I 'A'

In prep I 'A', students were given the task of colouring within an ice-cream outline using crayons they liked, aiming to boost coordination and creativity. This activity sparked colour recognition and prompted independent decision-making, enhancing fine motor skills and cognitive



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development. By participating, students refined hand coordination and stretched their imaginations, trying out different colour combinations within the ice cream shape. Such activities are crucial for holistic development, enabling students to creatively express themselves while honing vital cognitive and motor skills necessary for future academic and personal success.

## Parachute Activity by Balancing the ball

At T.M. Patel International School, Prep I students participated in an exciting parachute activity focused on ball balancing. Guided by their enthusiastic teachers, the young children engaged themselves in this fun and educational exercise. They worked together to keep the ball balanced on the parachute, developing their coordination and teamwork skills.

The activity was filled with laughter and excitement as the students learned to follow instructions and move the parachute in unison. This interactive game not only enhanced their motor skills but also fostered a sense of cooperation and communication among the children.

The parachute activity was a memorable and enjoyable experience, contributing to the student's physical and social development in a playful and supportive environment.

## Self-introduction and Circle time games Prep II 'A'

The second day of school brought a flurry of activity and excitement as our students took centre stage to introduce themselves to their classmates. Following these heart-warming introductions, it was time for some interactive fun with a lively circle time game. But the fun didn't stop there! The energy levels soared as the students





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embarked on a hula hoop balancing game, showcasing their agility and teamwork with enthusiasm and determination. Day Two was a perfect blend of confidence-building and playful exploration, setting the stage for a year filled with growth, laughter, and unforgettable memories.

## Creating Loose Shapes & Alphabets Using Wooden Sticks And Throw fired Glider

In the innovation lab, prep II students embarked on an exciting journey of creativity and hands-on learning throughout April. The first session began with an introduction to the lab and its materials, where the young learners were acquainted with various tools and resources available for their projects. In the following classes, the students were engaged in creating loose shapes and alphabets using wooden sticks. This activity not only stimulated their fine motor skills but also encouraged imaginative thinking and spatial awareness. By manipulating the wooden sticks to form different letters and shapes, the children explored the basics of geometry and literacy in a fun, engaging environment. The highlight of the month was making throwfire gliders. This project involved designing and constructing gliders, which the students then tested by throwing. This activity enhanced their understanding of basic aerodynamics and fostered problem-solving skills. Overall, the sessions were a blend of creativity, learning, and fun, igniting a passion for innovation in these young minds.



# CELEBRATIONS

## Parent Orientation Session

The New Parents Orientation Session for the Academic Year 2024-25 was held on 30th March 2024, conducted by Mr. K. Maxwell Manohar, the esteemed Director/Principal of the institution. Mr. Maxwell provided an overarching perspective on the school's mission, values, and educational approach. Following his address, the parents were guided to the specific classes where teachers took the stage to offer class-specific information, covering details such as curriculum highlights, classroom expectations, assessment methods, and communication channels. This segment allowed parents to interact directly with their child's future educators and gain insights into the day-to-day workings of the school. The session, characterized by Mr. Maxwell's leadership and the teachers' expertise, facilitated a smooth transition for new parents into the school community, fostering a sense of partnership between home and school in nurturing each student's academic and personal growth.



## First Day of School

We started the school year with laughter and creativity! The kids had a blast making colourful handprints, each one showing their unique excitement for the journey ahead. Capturing those radiant smiles in our 'First Day of School' frame was an unforgettable moment that filled our hearts with joy. As we embark on this new chapter together, we're filled with anticipation for the countless opportunities for growth, learning, and cherished memories that lie ahead. Here's to a year brimming with endless joy, laughter, and creativity as we explore, discover, and learn together!





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## First Day Assembly

On the dawn of the new academic year, 4th April 2024, T. M. Patel International School in Surat embraced tradition as teachers warmly greeted students with a tilak adorning their foreheads. This symbolic gesture marked the auspicious start of the academic journey for the year 2024-25, invoking blessings for success and prosperity. The school buzzed with excitement and anticipation as students, eager to embark on their educational voyage, entered the halls. With smiles and encouraging words, teachers welcomed them, fostering a sense of belonging and camaraderie. The day unfolded with a blend of cultural reverence and academic enthusiasm, setting the stage for a year filled with learning, discovery, and personal growth.



## Mango Day

On 19th April 2024, the Pre-Primary Section of T.M. Patel International School in Surat was abuzz with excitement as it celebrated Mango Day with zest and zeal. The aroma of mangoes filled the air, setting the stage for a day dedicated to the king of fruits. The children indulged in a variety of mango-themed activities, from tasting different varieties of mangoes to learning about the significance of this tropical fruit through engaging storytelling sessions. Creativity soared as little hands crafted mango-shaped art pieces and colourful drawings, adorning the glass walls with their vibrant creations. Teachers joined in the fun, sharing fond memories associated with mangoes. The day concluded with smiles all around, as children savoured the sweetness of mangoes and the joy of coming together for a fruity celebration, leaving behind cherished memories of Mango Day at T.M. Patel International School.



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## Colouring Competition

On 26th April 2024, T.M. Patel International School in Surat hosted a delightful Colouring Competition for its youngest learners in the pre-primary Section. With crayons and markers in hand, the children dived into a world of colours, filling their pictures with joy and imagination. Laughter echoed through the classrooms as little artists transformed plain sheets of paper into vibrant artworks. The event wasn't just about colouring; it was a chance for the kids to express themselves and have a fantastic time together. Teachers cheered on the budding Picassos, celebrating their creativity and enthusiasm. The colourful masterpieces adorned the glass walls, serving as a cheerful reminder of a day filled with fun and creativity.

## Toodles Party (Beach Theme)

The pre-primary section of T.M. Patel International School, Surat, made a splash at their Toodles Party with a Beach Theme on 30th April 2024. Dressed in adorable beachwear, sunglasses, and hats, the little ones brought the seaside vibes to life on the school grounds. Excitement reached new heights as the party extended to a poolside extravaganza, where kids splashed and played in the refreshing water under the watchful eyes of teachers and support staff.

From building sandcastles to floating in the pool, every moment was filled with laughter and joy. The event not only provided a day of pure fun but also fostered important social and motor skills development in the young learners. With memories of this beach-themed pool party etched in their minds, the children of T.M. Patel International School will treasure the experience for years to come.





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## Mother's Day

On 12th May 2024, T.M. Patel International School, Surat, embraced the essence of Mother's Day through heartwarming Virtual Activities. Students, along with their mothers, participated from the comfort of their homes, fostering a sense of togetherness despite physical distance. Engaging in activities like card-making, they poured their love and gratitude into heartfelt creations. Through the use of technology, students and their mothers captured cherished moments together through selfies, strengthening the bond between them. Additionally, students showcased their creativity by dedicating poems, dances, or songs to honour their mothers' unwavering love and support. Each student was encouraged to perform the activity alongside their mother and share their creations with their class teacher, creating a shared experience of celebration and appreciation for the remarkable role of mothers in their lives.





## Teacher's Corner



### Foundation for Success

Life today has a challenge at every step - one has so many options for every decision that one needs to make and so much aggressive marketing for every product, service or facility -How does one make the right choice? Finding a preschool for your child is one such decision - a preschool around every corner - which one would be best suited for our precious one? Then again, is it necessary to send a child to a preschool?

What is the best age to send? So on and so forth... Dilemmas that haunt you till you have found the right environment. Being associated with the preschool industry over the last two decades and watching the space grow from strength to strength says a lot about the growing need for preschool for children to go to as early as 6 months of age - the new age Early /Infant child care and stimulation centres provide for just this! The nuclear family set-up today creates a dire need for child care and support for young parents who need a group they can align with to resolve any concerns that arise while bringing up an infant. A good preschool with an extended day is a home away from home and a haven for the parents and child to address their social, cognitive, emotional and intellectual needs. Children inherently enjoy learning - they are curious about everything that is around them and hence absorb every opportunity for learning from the environment. A pre-school provides an enriched space which keeps them active, and alert and their curiosity stoked!

A strong foundation in Phonics, Reading, Awareness of the Environment, Numeracy, following instructions and routines etc. A happy nurturing environment is what a preschool is all about-once a child has developed a love for learning- the sky is the limit for him/her! A preschool provides a safe setting for a child to hone his social skills as he/she needs to interact with people of varying ages - care providers, teachers and peers. This helps a child to take his first step towards establishing friendship, faith, trust and love with people beyond family and home! The merits of sending your child to a preschool are many - however what is important is that you identify an environment that is in keeping with your sensibilities and your child's temperament - space, material, aesthetics, group density, adult-child ratio, light, ventilation and hygiene are some of the pointers that might help you make the right choice! Enjoy the process and make your child partner with you in the pursuit - after all, he is going to spend a lot of time in that environment. Happy hunting!

- Ms. Esha Gupta,  
Nursery Mother Teacher

# STUDENT'S CORNER



- Hiya Jain  
Prep I 'A'





# School wall of fame / Achievements



## Colouring Competition:

### Nursery 'A'

- Via Patel - 1st
- Vihana Patel - 2nd
- Krishika Shah - 3rd



### Prep I 'A'

- Yansh Sekhani - 1st
- Diyansh Goyal - 2nd
- Ameya Pahwa - 3rd

### Prep II 'A'

- Disha Patil - 1st
- Netanya Khengar - 2nd
- Dhruvan Patel - 3rd



## Upcoming Events

- Field Trip - Visit to Aquarium - Pre-primary
- Special Assembly on Father's Day
- Best Out of Waste Competition

