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Banyan Tree School  
New Delhi

# Newsletter

## In Pursuit of Excellence

We, at Banyan Tree School, strive to impart high-quality education which ensures to internally motivate students and aims for lifelong learning, allowing them to become well-rounded contributing members of society. We wish to not only be a part of a child's educational journey but also try to cater to allow students to reach their full potential.

What we do at Banyan Tree School, New Delhi, goes hand in hand with our mission and vision.



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## A Grand Reunion

### Reverberate: Alumni Meet 2023



Reverberate 2023 marked a momentous chapter in the history of the Banyan Tree School, unfolding with grace and charm on a distinguished day within the familiar confines of our beloved school premises. Convening a diverse assembly of alumni, with 183 of them in attendance, spanning different graduating years, the event, held on the 9th of December 2023, transcended the ordinary, serving as an exquisite occasion to not only commemorate the individual triumphs of our esteemed alumni but also to celebrate the collective journey and shared experiences that intricately weave the tapestry of the Banyan Tree School community.

The festivities commenced with a warm welcome, as each alumnus was greeted with a tilak, setting the tone for a day filled with nostalgia and camaraderie. The registration desks became a rendezvous point, where former students encountered the familiar faces of their beloved teachers, sparking a wave of sentimental reflections from the very onset.

The formal inauguration unfolded with a series of introductory remarks that artfully encapsulated the essence of shared experiences, underscoring the enduring connections formed during the formative years at Banyan Tree School.

The ceremonial lighting of the lamp, a solemn moment led by Ms. Malvika Rai, Principal Ma'am, Vice-Principal Ma'am, and a few former students, added a touch of gravity to the proceedings, symbolizing the illumination of knowledge and the unity that gracefully binds the Banyan Tree School community together.

As the event unfolded, attendees were treated to an insightful panorama of Banyan Tree School's rich history. Ms. Barkha eloquently highlighted Dr. Kulwant Rai's visionary contributions to the school and the institution's continued unwavering commitment to quality education, innovative pedagogical approaches, and the holistic cultivation of personal development.





The resonant school motto, “In Pursuit of Excellence,” echoed through the event, underscoring the belief that education should serve as a catalyst for positive transformation.

Acknowledging the pivotal role played by the school’s principal, Ms. Rina Bana, in its journey, sentiments of gratitude were expressed, turning her address into a pivotal moment that inspired all in attendance to strive for their personal best and embody the values instilled by Banyan Tree School. Ms. Bana’s words emphasized Dr. Kulwant Rai’s lasting legacy and the school’s achievements, with its distinguished alumni emerging as symbols of the collective excellence of Banyan Tree School.

In a momentous announcement, Ms. Bana declared that the alumni meet would henceforth become an annual event, and the alumni would stay connected through the newly formed ‘Alma Circle.’



The event took a nostalgic turn with a captivating video presentation prepared by our students Bhuvi Mehta (XII-B), Arohi Sharma (XII-C) and Sanvi Sharma (XII-B), that traversed through the past, present, and future of Banyan Tree School, rekindling cherished memories and providing a reflective space for contemplating the growth and evolution of the institution over the years.

The heart of the event lay in the presentations by distinguished alumni, each representing a unique and inspiring success story. The diversity of career paths showcased during this segment – from civil services and sports to arts, hospitality, software engineering, fashion, writing, entrepreneurship, and research – exemplified the school’s commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals capable of making meaningful contributions to various fields.







Ms. Ankita Anand, an IAS officer and a former Banyanite, shared a heartfelt poem about her school days, emphasizing the school's role in shaping her dream of becoming an IAS officer and also highlighting the famous Lodhi Garden trips. Mr. Anubhav Nanda, who completed his schooling in 2011, underscored the importance of Banyan Tree School as 'the anchor' of his life and its role in shaping him as an individual. Similarly, Mr. Madhav Singhal spoke about the valuable lessons learned at the school that he carries forward in his journey.

The event featured further testimonials from distinguished alumni, including Mr. Abhishek Nigam, Ms. Gitika Gupta, Ms. Dheerika Pandey, Ms. Farheen Khan, and Ms. Sehaj Gambhir, all highlighting the pivotal role of Banyan Tree School in shaping their individual trajectories, nurturing their talents, and providing a space where dreams could flourish.

As expressions of gratitude flowed to the alumni, the school management, Principal Ma'am, teachers, students, and the administrative staff, a collective call resonated to continue strengthening the alumni network, underscoring the importance of the annual tradition, Reverberate.



Former students, Ms. Ritika and Ms. Tanuja, took a moment to express heartfelt thanks to the school and its teachers for organizing this memorable Alumni Meet, further cementing the bonds that make Banyan Tree School a cherished and enduring community.

The grand and formal inauguration ceremony was followed by a group photograph, and a delightful lunch, providing a congenial setting for the alumni to not only relish a sumptuous meal but also engage in meaningful conversations. The atmosphere buzzed with the vibrant energy of reunion as alumni from various graduating classes connected, sharing anecdotes and experiences that spanned the years since they walked the hallowed halls of our esteemed institution.





This convivial setting facilitated an enriching interchange between the distinguished alumni, current students, and dedicated teachers. Conversations flowed seamlessly, creating an environment where the wisdom of seasoned professionals blended harmoniously with the enthusiasm and curiosity of the current student body.

This unique convergence of past and present not only fostered a sense of continuity but also served as a testament to the enduring legacy of our academic community.

A standout moment that infused the event with an extra dose of energy and camaraderie was the basketball match organized by our own Head Boy and Head Girl, that unfolded between the current students and the esteemed alumni. As the crowd gathered with enthusiastic anticipation, the court became the arena for a riveting clash between the vibrancy and vigor of the present and the seasoned skills and cherished memories of the past.

The match not only showcased the athletic prowess of the current students but also served as a nostalgic trip down memory lane for the alumni, who, in their prime, had once graced the very same courts.

In conclusion, Reverberate 2023 emerged as a resounding success, creating an atmosphere of community, pride, and inspiration. The event, far beyond a mere celebration of individual achievements, reaffirmed the enduring bonds that render Banyan Tree School an alma mater of cherished distinction. It stood as a testament to the school's unwavering commitment to excellence and holistic education, leaving an indelible impression on all who were privileged to attend.





## Alumni Feedback



"It was great to be back at Banyan Tree School after twenty-six years, and all the memories kept flooding back. It felt so energetic. Meeting some of the old teachers, such as Ms. Parul Sahai and Ms. Malvika Ma'am after such a long time, was nice. It was a flashback, remembering the grounds and the swings. This event, organized by the students and teachers, was fabulous. I must say that the school has elevated the level and quality of education, and a new trend has been set by the school. Would love to be back again!"

**Mr. Jagdeep Singh - Batch of 1997**



"It was a thrilling experience to be back in the school and I just love coming back again and again and to see such old faces, who are still young, and are doing everything that they wished for in their life. I am glad that Banyan Tree School came up with this reunion and I am sure we'll meet again and again, every year."

**Mr. Anubhav Nanda - Batch of 2011**



"Hi! It was a very nice and marvelous and fantastic event. It was unexpected and it happened. I remembered that we didn't get a farewell because of corona, and this was a very nice surprise. It was good to meet the alumni and make new connections with them. I'll definitely come for the next meet also. Thank you to Banyan Tree School, the teachers, the student council and all the people who were engaged in organizing this event."

**Ms. Serena Singh - Batch of 2021**



## Alumni Feedback



"The entire event was organized really well. Congrats to class XI and XII for organizing such an amazing event. I know how stressful it is and how intimidating it must be to talk to so many adults here. But you guys did a great job! Thank you so much for calling us back. I am really looking forward to this event for every year. Please do keep this up."

**Ms. Geetika Gupta - Batch of 2016**



"The people here were relishing those old memories which they have made in this prestigious institution. I, as a part of this community, felt so ecstatic to be at the meet so relive those childhood memories. It was really fun, and it was an honor to have studies here at Banyan Tree School."

**Ms. Ridhima Arora - Batch of 2020**



"This was such a beautiful and amazing event coordinated by all of the teachers and all of the students, filled with so much energy, so much love. You could still feel the gratitude. I am so happy to be here. Such and amazing event and loved it."

**Ms. Farheen Khan - Batch of 2019**



## Arms and the Man - 2023

### From Page to Stage - A Theatrical Triumph

In a dazzling two-day spectacle, Banyan Tree School, New Delhi, transported its audience into the world of George Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man." The stage came alive in December as students ranging from classes 6th to 11th presented a captivating rendition of this comedic play. The excitement kicked off with a warm welcome by Ms. Pragati Singh, setting the tone for an engaging theatrical experience.

Bhuvi Mehta, the cultural secretary for the session 2023-2024, extended a heartfelt welcome to the esteemed chief guests, Mr. Navjyot Sharma on the first day and Mr. Mukesh Sharma on the second day, creating an atmosphere brimming with anticipation.

Ishita Gupta skillfully guided the audience through Shaw's satirical brilliance, narrating the humorous and thought-provoking plot. The performance was not just about the play; it was a showcase of the multifaceted talents of the students.





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A jazzy dance and a melodious song added a festive touch, and Mr. Navjyot Sharma's inspiring speech provided valuable insights. The event reached its crescendo with joyful Christmas carols and a heartfelt closing speech by Arohi Sharma, the Head Girl of the session 2023-24.

"Arms and the Man" itself, set against the backdrop of the Serbo-Bulgarian War, unraveled the complexities of love, honor, and the absurdity of war. Raina's journey from idealism to a more grounded understanding was beautifully portrayed, leaving a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to witness this theatrical triumph. It wasn't just a play; it was an immersive experience that resonated with the audience long after the curtains fell.





## Arms and the Man - 2023

### Feedback

#### Insha Irshad of Class IX-B:

"It was a excellent experience for me. All the crew, the cast, the teachers everyone gave their hundred percent and our hard work paid off well. My role as Louka was quite fun and overall, it was really fun experience."

#### Shraddha Chakraborty of Class IX-B:

"Portraying Raina's mother, Catherine, in 'Arms and the Man' was a rewarding experience. Bringing Raina's mother to life allowed me to explore the complexities of a protective yet pragmatic character. The challenge lay in balancing Catherine's strong maternal instincts with her subtle humor, especially in scenes where her beliefs clashed with the romantic ideals of the younger characters. Navigating the complexities of the character's emotions and relationships added depth to my performance. The play's exploration of war, love, and societal expectations provided a rich backdrop, allowing me to delve into Catherine's nuanced role. The collaborative effort with the cast and crew enhanced the overall production, making it a memorable and fulfilling experience."

#### Sarah Iffat of Class XII-C:

"The play showcased remarkable talent among our school's children. Their dialogue delivery and expressions were truly impressive, revealing a depth of skill and creativity that was previously unknown."

#### Pratham Mehta of Class VIII-B:

"Being Nicola in our school play 'Arms and the Man' was a cool experience. Learning lines, dealing with challenges, and being on stage with other actors made it special. The spotlight, the audience's reactions, and the teamwork created lasting memories. It was hard work, but the fun and camaraderie made it all worthwhile."

#### Bhuvi Mehta of Class XII-B:

"The theatrical play was truly exceptional. The performances were outstanding, capturing the essence of the characters with remarkable skill. The stage presence, direction, and overall execution were commendable, creating a captivating experience for the audience. The attention to detail in costumes and set design added authenticity to the production. It was a truly amazing performance, showcasing the talent and dedication of the students involved. Congratulations to the entire cast and crew!"

#### Arohi Sharma of Class XII-B:

"The play was absolutely amazing, filled with humor and genuine fun. The stage presence, dialogue delivery, and direction were all great. I truly appreciate the hard work put into the production by both the teachers and the students."



## Cast Members

### Arms and the Man - 2023



Narrator  
Ishita Gupta, XI-C



Raina Petkoff  
Adya Shukla, VIII-A



Captain Bluntschli  
Sadaqat Ali, IX-A



Major Sergius Saranoff  
Vanshil Verma, VIII-A



Major Paul Petkoff  
Ashutosh Bisht, IX-B



Catherine Petkoff  
Shraddha Chakraborty, IX-B



Louka  
Insha Irshad, IX-B



Nicola  
Pratham Mehta, VIII-B



Russian Soldier  
Rudra Sharma, XI-C



Russian Soldier  
Aditya Chahal, XI-C



## Crew Members

### Arms and the Man - 2023

### Management

Piyush - VIII-A  
Shivam - IX-B  
Ojas - IX-B  
Devansh - XI-A  
Subhana Khan- XI-A  
Ishita Gupta, XI-C  
Aditya Chahal, XI-C  
Rudra Sharma, XI-C

### Editing Team

Ishita Gupta, XI-C  
Aditya Chahal, XI-C  
Rudra Sharma, XI-C

### Creative Team

Subhana Khan - XI-A  
Bhoomika Arya, XI-B  
Jatin Kumar, XI-B  
Ishita Gupta, XI-C  
Aditya Chahal, XI-C  
Rudra Sharma, XI-C

### Direction

Ms. Barkhaa Goswami



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## The Guiding Stars Arms and the Man - 2023



Ms. Barkhaa Goswami



Ms. Chandrima Biswas



Ms. Manasvi Vats



Ms. Pragati Singh



Ms. Madhabi Guha



Ms. Shivangi Bansal



## Festive Cheer Echoes

### Christmas Joy at Banyan Tree School

Amid the festive buzz, Banyan Tree School transformed into a hub of joy and laughter during our Christmas celebrations. Each class became a cozy little haven for festive cheer, as students hosted their own mini-parties.

The air was filled with the excitement of board games, where spirited competitions ensued, and guess what? The students emerged victorious, proudly outplaying their teachers.

The melodious tunes of Christmas carols echoed through the corridors as students gathered for heartwarming jamming sessions. Laughter and merriment became the order of the day, creating a vibrant tapestry of holiday spirit.

In the spirit of Christmas, each class embraced the essence of togetherness. It wasn't just about celebrations; it was about creating memories and fostering a sense of joy that goes beyond the classroom.

As the year comes to an end, these moments of shared laughter and friendly competition serve as a reminder of the warmth that permeates the halls of Banyan Tree School. May the spirit of Christmas linger in our hearts, uniting us in joy and creating lasting memories that will echo well into the New Year.





## Exploring Patterns

### Garde II - Pattern Making Activity



In a colorful and innovative venture, Banyan Tree School recently engaged students in an exciting lesson on patterns using the unconventional medium of vegetable printing. This hands-on activity served multiple educational purposes, ranging from enhancing fine motor skills to stimulating creativity.

The process involved students experimenting with different vegetable shapes to create an array of visual patterns. As they pressed the vibrant hues onto paper, the classroom transformed into a canvas of imagination.

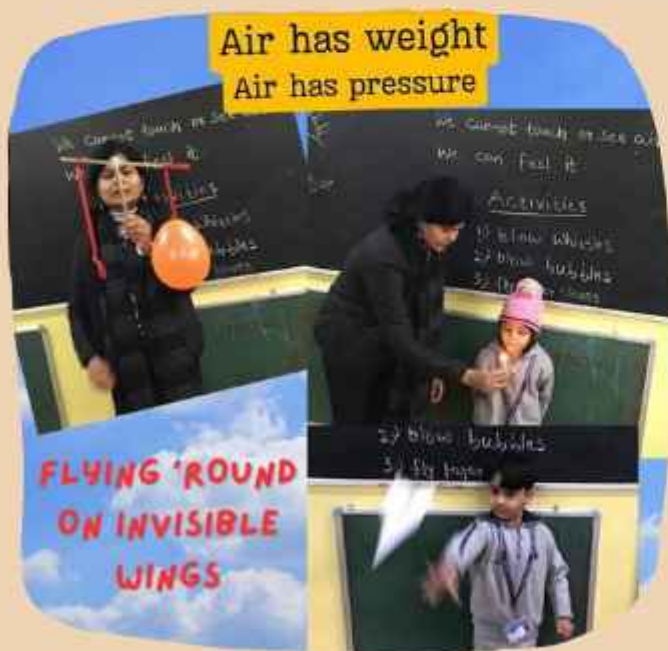
Beyond the realm of vegetable printing, students delved into the order of things, adding an extra layer of learning. The act of arranging items systematically helped them comprehend the concept of sequence and order, a crucial skill in various academic disciplines.

Through this holistic approach, students not only learned about patterns but also honed their fine motor skills and embraced their creative instincts. It was a journey where education seamlessly blended with hands-on experience, making learning both enjoyable and enlightening.



# Discovering the Invisible

## Air, Air, Everywhere



In the enchanting world of early science exploration, the kindergarten students at Banyan Tree School embarked on a journey of discovery—unraveling the mysteries of the omnipresent air around them. Engaging in delightful yet educational activities, the young minds grasped the abstract concept of the presence of air with glee.

One of the activities that sparked joy and curiosity involved blowing whistles and bubbles. This not only brought a smile to every child's face but also provided a tangible experience of the magical pressure created by the air inside their lungs.

The excitement continued with the thrilling adventure of flying paper planes. Through this hands-on activity, the children not only had fun launching their paper creations into the air but also began to grasp the idea that, although invisible, air possesses weight and pressure.

These interactive sessions weren't just about understanding a scientific concept; they were about igniting the curiosity and imagination of young learners. Witnessing their eyes light up with newfound knowledge was a testament to the power of blending education with joy and wonder. After all, in the world of science, the simplest concepts can spark the brightest flames of curiosity!



## The News Anchors Shine!

### News Reporting Activity - Class V

In a dynamic news reporting activity, the talented students of Class 5 at Banyan Tree School took on the roles of budding newsreaders. The focus of the session was to familiarize the students with various natural disasters that have occurred in India.

With enthusiasm and poise, the young news anchors reported headlines that highlighted the causes, losses of life and property, and the heroic rescue operations associated with these disasters. This engaging activity not only honed their reading and research skills but also served as a platform to build confidence in public speaking.

Beyond the educational aspects, the news reporting activity played a crucial role in enhancing the students' general awareness. It provided them with a unique opportunity to step into the shoes of journalists, fostering a spirit of curiosity and an understanding of current affairs. Kudos to the young news anchors for delivering a stellar performance!





## Art Meets Education

### Poster Making Activity - Class V

Eager minds in Class 5 at Banyan Tree School recently dived into the fascinating world of energy through an engaging poster-making activity. The students, brimming with enthusiasm, showcased their artistic talents and understanding of renewable and non-renewable energy sources.

Each poster was a visual feast, featuring vibrant illustrations and detailed descriptions of various energy types such as coal, nuclear, wind, and biomass. The activity aimed to instill a profound comprehension of how these energy sources impact our daily lives.

Not only did the students demonstrate their creativity, but the exercise also facilitated a deeper understanding of the origins and applications of different energy forms. Through their posters, the young artists beautifully captured the essence of renewable and non-renewable energy, contributing to an enriching learning experience. Kudos to Class 5 for their impressive work!





## Santa's Inbox Overflowing

### Grade 4's Joyful Letters to Santa



In a heartwarming tradition, the talented Grade 4 students at Banyan Tree School recently embarked on a festive journey of expression and creativity. With the holiday spirit in the air, they translated their joyful wishes into heartfelt letters addressed to the jolly old man in red, Santa Claus. Armed with pencils and paper, these budding writers crafted dreams and aspirations, infusing each word with the magic of the season.



The activity not only kindled the joy of giving and receiving but also honed the students' writing skills as they articulated their wishes and dreams in a thoughtful manner. The letters, filled with innocence and imagination, not only served as a bridge to the enchanting world of Santa but also brought a touch of festive cheer to the hearts of those who read them. It's not just a letter; it's a bundle of dreams wrapped in the spirit of generosity and wonder, making this holiday season at Banyan Tree School truly magical.



# Hour Hands and Minute Magic

## Clock Making Activity - Class III



In a delightful exploration of the abstract concept of time, the creative minds of Grade 3 at Banyan Tree School embarked on a fascinating clock-making activity. Armed with circular cutouts of paper, these budding horologists didn't just craft artistic timepieces; they actively demonstrated the intricacies of time in hours and minutes.

The hands-on endeavor went beyond the conventional methods of time education, providing a tangible and interactive platform for the young learners to actively engage with the concept.

By meticulously crafting their clocks, the students not only exhibited their artistic prowess but also absorbed the practical understanding of timekeeping.

This immersive activity not only enhanced their fine motor skills but also fostered a deeper comprehension of time in a creative and hands-on manner. As these young minds brought time to life on paper, the clock-making activity became a memorable and effective learning experience for Grade 3.





# The Artists

## Canvas Chronicles





Mahak Bisht, VIII-B



Akshita Kumar, VIII B



Bhumika Bisht, XI



Janya bharti X- A





Ishita Baluni, VIII-A



Priyanka lakra, X-A



Bhoomika Arya, XI-B



Drishti, V-B



# The Poets

## The Unspoken Melodies



## Real Talk

Bhoomika Arya, XI-B

In this crowded world  
People act kind  
But you really don't know  
What's going on behind  
Keep your things to you  
Nobody gonna take through  
If you're happy, be happy  
If you're sad , be sad  
Know the truth dude  
No one cares  
Worry about yourself  
Not about others  
I'm telling you  
No one bothers  
Till you are alive  
You'll see the fake love  
The day you die  
They'll show some tears  
But then , one day  
You'll be forgotten  
Forever and ever.



## The Whispers of Shadow

Shrishti Karakoti, IX-B

Out tonight, beneath the dim light,  
Flickering off as I move ahead.  
Some may find it eerie,  
But to me, it's the solace I've  
always known.

From my recollection,  
I've been immersed in darkness,  
Throughout my life.  
Light or no light, it made no  
difference,  
For there was never a glimmer in  
my somber existence.



# Solve, Think, Repeat

## Brain Teasers Galore



# QUIZ TIME!

In which sport would you perform a  
slam dunk?

**A**

Tennis

**B**

Basketball

**C**

Golf



# QUIZ TIME!

Which Bollywood film was nominated for the Best Foreign Language Film category at the Oscars?

**A**

Dangal

**B**

3 Idiots

**C**

Lagaan



# RIDDLE TIME!

The more you look at it, the  
less you see.

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chance to get featured in the next issue.



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# The Editorial Board

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## Teacher-in-Charge



Ms. Moonisa Ahmed



“We didn’t know we were making  
memories, we were just having fun.”

A.A. Milne

Editorial Board 2023-24  
bids you farewell!

Thank you!