



A peep into the activities of the month

Calgary French & International School, Canada (RS Zoom Postcard)

"Diversity is a fact, Equity is a choice, Inclusion is the action and Belonging is what comes as the outcome".

Calgary French & International School in Canada hosted a RS Zoom Postcard with the theme **"Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committees: Let's chat!"** on 1st February 2023. RKK participated with a team of following six students - *Diksha Rajpurohit, Rana Sakshiba, Ishita Rathore, Disha Balar, Gohil Diyaba Hitendrasinh and Deeksha Garg* with their Student Adult, *Shruti Rathi*.

The call started with the introduction of the school, presenting their idea behind the reason to inculcate the meet. The further division of the call was shifting the participants onto the different breakout rooms, where the rooms were associated with one of their hosts. The discussion was about the variety of measures taken by schools to spread diversity and implement inclusion. The distinct minds from divergent groups over the world presented their state of mind. It continued with discussions going one step ahead. Everyone in the room marked their views on economic diversity and commented on the affected results for a better outcome.

The call ended due to the short span of time but not unending thoughts of the thinkers. It was a great session to express the running perspective on the topic of diversity, inclusion and equity.

Our initiatives

Since 2021, our committee has developed from a small group of students who would occasionally show up for meetings to a large group of dedicated students spanning across all age ranges. Some notable examples of initiatives done in the past year include

- Red dress initiative (MMIW)
- Pride Initiatives
- Bottle drive supporting an LGBTQIA+ organisation
- Changes to school policy (student handbook)
- Implementation of anti-racism and anti-discrimination policy
- Initiating school wide baraza discussions
- Volunteering experiences

Welham Boys' School, Dehradun (RS Service Project at Deoli)

'Have an attitude of gratitude', **rightly said by Welham Boys' School.** Six students - Paridhi Mehta, Suhani Baheti, Aditi Shekhawat, Natasha Misra, Yashvi Jain, Aditi Jaju with their Teacher Escort Ms Khushboo Changra participated in **Round Square Service Project hosted by Welham Boys' School, in Deoli (Bharatpur) from 1st February to 2nd February 2023.** Students boarded their train on the 31st January with high spirits and curiosity to learn and explore about the village life and help the unprivileged for the betterment of the community. They were warmly welcomed by the host school, at Udai Vilas Palace. After dinner, the delegates assembled in the conference room for a briefing session about the 2 days of project.

In this Round Square Project, 8 member schools participated from across the country with 6 delegates from each school like Mayo College Ajmer, Vidya Devi Jindal School, Hisar, Pathways World School, Gurgaon, Welham Boys' School, Welham Girls' School, The Punjab Public School, Nabha, and Rajmata Krishna Kumari Girls' Public School, Jodhpur. A student from Welham Boys' School briefed all the delegates about it, followed by an interesting presentation by the Chairman and Ma'am Principal of the school on Bharatpur and the motive behind choosing Deoli as the village for the service project. Continued, by remarks from Mr Rajeev Bhatia and Ms Monica that ended with a short ice breaking session and was indeed a fun filled activity. At 6 in the morning with 6 teams, 6 delegates from each school, in a 6 walled room, no one knows each other, yes a dream like experience indeed. Off the participants would go to watch birds, in the Keoladeo National Park which is recognised as one of the world's most important bird breeding and feeding ground. A surreal experience, to witness different species of birds, although the weather was utterly cold & frigid. Students learnt a lot about birds and travelling in the rickshaw was quite an awesome experience. On reaching Deoli participants were busy making tons of new friends, making stools, weaving stools, learning new words from them and indeed the traditional attire they wore was very diverse. The wall students painted, a thoughtful one, about service, caring, sharing, bonding and Global warming. The haveli they went was quite an experience, felt like a living fable, folklore. The visit enabled the delegates to experience the rich heritage and legacy of Deoli village, which will be always in hearts, evergreen. 2nd day, the participants went back to the village, completed unfinished work, followed by a presentation from Barefoot College International, about their methods and motives of helping the villagers. Then, they were divided into two groups, one for making Sanitary Napkins and other for making Solar Lanterns. Both the groups, learnt new skills, team work, sewing, working with circuits, using a melting machine, testing products and service indeed. Followed by, a Street Play by each school on different awareness and apprehension discourses. RKK team performed a street play on, 'Menstrual Hygiene and Menstrual Cycle'. Everyone was felicitated with Certificates. with this, the evening came to an end and schools departed. RKKians made many friends from all over the country and their memories with them will last forever. The visit enabled their experience to the rich culture & sustainable environment of villages, crucial global issues imbibing the responsibility to become an empowered global citizen.



Service week celebrated by RKK (‘Hand in Hand’ - ‘Khushiyon Ka Safar’)

Student Exchange Children are the same everywhere – bright smiles, inquisitive minds and twinkling in their eyes. Yet there is a huge gap in the quality of education and digital skills that are available to students in urban public schools and their counterparts in rural and government schools. The education deficit and digital literacy gap between India and Bharat (भारत) is already huge. The covid-19 pandemic enforced closure of schools further widened the gap to alarming proportions. Most students in good schools in large cities switched to online learning mode with relative ease whereas most rural/ government school students suffered due to lack of access to devices, trained teachers, digital curriculum content and regular assessments. There is some heartening news in this gloomy situation that gladdens hearts and minds. RKK, one among the few well-meaning institutions across the country, genuinely concerned about the education status in government schools, came forward to take small yet concrete steps to ensure there is equitable access to learning opportunities for all children in Jodhpur region.

In association with IN-DEED Foundation, a Trust, working to provide quality education through dedicated youth volunteers harnessing technology as a tool, RKK collaborated ‘Hand in Hand’ – ‘Khushiyon Ka Safar’ consecutive 2 days’ program, which aimed to provide the right environment and opportunities to children so that they can fulfil their potential and realize their dreams.

Under the aegis of Service pillar, student exchange programs are conducted frequently between students of RKKGPS and government schools to encourage peer-learning, information sharing and uninhibited expression of thoughts and ideas.

On Saturday 04th February 2023, 40 students of Class IX from - Mahatma Gandhi Government School at Pabupura and BJS Colony Jodhpur, visited RKKGPS campus spending the entire day here. They were taken on a guided tour of Digital Classrooms, E-Labs, Science-Labs, Music, Art, Dance and Fine Arts Rooms and the School Library. Art Classes were followed by Recreational Activities conducted by RKKians. The visiting team was treated to a hearty breakfast and lunch by the host school RKK. Later, the students went to the Shakti Centre where Sanitary Napkins are made by volunteers and women from underprivileged background. Instructions on the importance of personal hygiene and its correlation to health was provided to the Class IX government school students. A Sanitary Napkin pack was gifted to each of the 40 visitors. Pick up and drop of students was done by RKK.

This was a real eye-opener for the government school girls and their enthusiasm and excitement was palpable. The response and feedback was very positive. Government school students were very impressed with the equipment and facilities as well as the open and encouraging environment, the deep personal involvement of teachers, the freedom and responsibility given to students and most of all by how smart and confident the students of RKKGPS were. They found a stark contrast with the conditions in their schools. The purpose of this interaction is manifold :

- Giving exposure to government school students of a world of possibilities that can be explored if they work harder and strive to achieve better results and bigger opportunities.
- Making students aware of the huge gap that exists between the private and government schools in terms of infrastructure, facilities, quality, mode and delivery of education.
- Motivating students to share knowledge and experience with their peers thereby promoting a spirit of camaraderie and fruitful volunteerism among youth.



Service week celebrated by RKK (‘Hand in Hand’ - ‘Khushiyon Ka Safar’)

On Sunday, 5th February 2023, from 10 am-4 pm, an Edutainment Fair called ‘Taabar’ was organised at Amritlal Gehlot Stadium, Chainpura, Mandore, Jodhpur in which 17 RKK’s Boarders of Class XI participated.

Student participants had an exceptionally great time ‘Doodling, Wall Painting and assistance in coordinating activities under the guidance of Mr. Manoj Kumar Sandha & Ms Amba Singh Jhabua. Sprints, Races, Dance, Musical Performances witnessed immense participation and enthusiasm from the students & stole the show. A Fashion Show performed by the students of NIFT and a Workshop conducted by Dr Neetu Parihar (RKK Faculty of Theatre) was highly appreciated. The whole event was a great enriching experience for the students where they were able to showcase their skills, team work and their spirit of learning, sharing, caring & bonding at the best.

On 6th February, another initiative in the same series of Service undertaken was of Donation Drive, whereby discarded woollens in good condition were sent to the schools of under privileged and needy children.

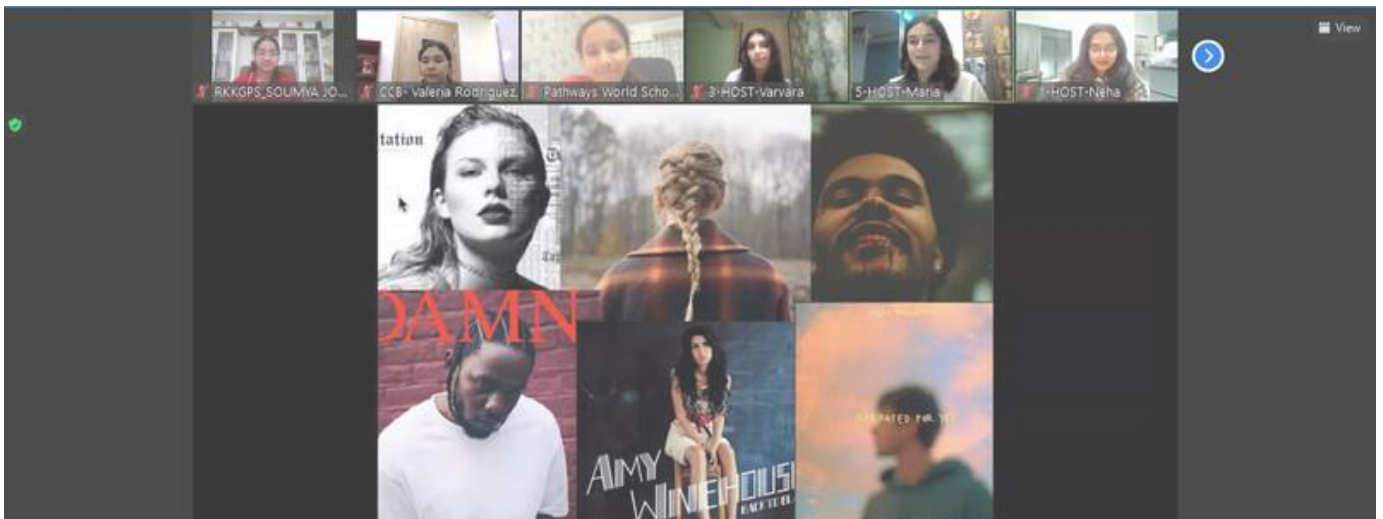
The overarching objective of this initiative was to inspire students, develop their personality, and inculcate a sense of professionalism and civic responsibility to participate in worthy social causes while growing up to be responsible citizens of the country. For schools are the places where the future of any nation is shaped and formed.



Shirakatsy Lyceum, Armenia (RS Zoom Postcard)

“A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles.”

Round Square Postcard Call on the theme, ‘Childhood heroes in us’ was organized by **Shirakatsy Lyceum International Scientific and Educational Complex, Armenia on 8th February 2023**. **Ojaswini Rathore, Avishi Pancholy, Santosh Kanwar, Diksha Rajpurohit, Rana Sakshiba and Soumya Joshi with their Adult Incharge Deeksha Garg** grabbed the opportunity to participate in this fantabulous event. The event started with the introduction of the host school and a brief agenda of the event. They presented some videos that were prepared by the host school. After this, participants were sent to the Barraza rooms in which many questions were discussed about childhood heroes in them and what would it feel like in a parallel world. The discussion went on for an hour in which participants were given an ice-breaking activity to make posters on their favourite heroes. After the Barraza groups, every delegate returned to the main meeting and each Barraza group presented their poster and expressed their discussion on the topic. The 90-minute call ended with a vote of thanks by the host school. All the participants enjoyed sharing knowledge about “Childhood Heroes”.



Airforce School, Jodhpur (Inter-School Hindi Debate Competition)

"In all debates, let truth be thy aim, not victory, or an unjust interest."

CBSE has taken up several initiatives to encourage and foster holistic learning and development in the country. Hubs of Learning is one such collaborative initiative introduced by the board to enable sharing of resources, best practices, new technological advancements and ideas for self-improvement by schools. The Hubs of Learning comprises group of elite CBSE schools who have been given the task to conduct various inter school events. On 8th January 2023 **Inter-School Hindi Debate Competition** was organised by Airforce School Jodhpur on the topic- 'Online Shiksha Vardan Ya Abhishap.'

Top CBSE schools from Jodhpur participated. *Divya Vishnoi* and *Jaya Sankhla* represented RKK as speakers for the motion and against the motion respectively. Debaters from reputed CBSE schools sparked and set the stage alight with their meaningful vocal weapons and intricate and intriguing points about the nuances of the motions.

Strong determination and vigorous training from our very own RKK teachers had already embarked within students the zeal to win.

Participants really enjoyed the tough competition but were very glad that despite the fierce competition, **Rajmata Krishna Kumari Girls' Public School** emerged victorious. *Divya Vishnoi* was awarded as the **First Best Speaker** and *Jaya Sankhla* as the **Second Best Speaker**.



Inventure Academy, Bangalore
(Round Square Zoom Postcard Call)

A Round Square Zoom Postcard Call was organized on **15th February 2023** by **Inventure Academy, Bangalore** under the aegis of Round Square. There were about 110 participants from 19 schools of 5 countries, which are Armenia, Australia, India, Canada, South Africa and Pakistan. A team of 6 students - *Ojaswini Rathore, Teena, Parthvi Kumari, Anandita Singh Ranawat, Anushka Jain and Deeksha Garg* with the Adult Incharge, *Sheetal Johari* of Class XI participated in the event where they showcased different activities, self-composed poem and speech on the theme **“Gender Stereotyping: Breaking the Bias”**. All the students participated whole-heartedly to get enriching experience. The Keynote Speakers of the event were ‘Divya Balgopal Mundkur’ and ‘Kavya Janaki Mundkur’.



Wycliffe College, Toronto, Canada
(Round Square World Wise Conversation)

On Friday, **17th February**, a 90-minute World Wise Conversation on Zoom Postcard Call for 11-13 year olds was hosted by students from **Wycliffe College Toronto, Canada** from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm. On the theme **“Random Acts of Kindness Day”**, six students of RKK, *Tanishka Jain, Nishika Pagaria, Rudrakshi Solanki, Bhavya Singh Rawat, Somya Singh, Demira Bhati and Gauree Singh* participated with enthusiasm and zeal to learn new things..

During the call, participants were invited to share their own experiences of receiving random acts of kindness and discuss how this made them feel. The conversation explored what ‘random’ really means and how we might all promote and benefit from a kinder community. Before the call, the hosts invited participants from each school to work together in their school group to prepare a single slide visual that illustrated one or more Random Act(s) of Kindness observed in their school community. It was a great platform to sensitize students with the acts of kindness and the people in need.



Community Service - Donation Drive

RKK celebrates all its landmark events by indulging in various CSR activities and lending a little help to the needy and less privileged section of our society. RKK collaborated with HelpAge India, a registered semi – government NGO dedicated to the cause of Senior Citizens of our country. A Donation Drive was conducted. The charity money collected from the Donation Drive was handed over to the Senior Program Manager of HelpAge India – Ms Vandana Choudhary, who had come all the way from Jaipur to be a part of this momentous occasion on **20th February 2023**.

This collaboration was also a tribute to commemorate the 75th Birthday of His Highness Maharaja Gaj Singhji Sahib and Golden Anniversary of Their Highnesses.



Thank You Dear Students, Parents and Teachers for your selfless service and unrelenting support in lending a helping hand to the lesser, privileged neglected senior citizens of India.

RKK wishes the bond of love, happiness and sound health to sustain for all.



Students' Workshop (Career In Indian Navy - NWWA Sparsh Initiative)

On Tuesday, 21st February 2023, an Orientation was held in the school regarding Career in Indian Navy - 'Sparsh', conducted by a team of Lady Officers of the Indian Navy. The team was led by Commander Parveen Malik who has given her services to the Indian Navy for more than two decades. She was accompanied by **Commander Smriti Sengar (Education Officer)**, **Lieutenant Commander Akansha Thakur (Logistic Officer)**, **Lieutenant Riti Singh (Observer)** and **Mrs Zareen Singh (President NWWA) along with other members of NWWA (Navy Welfare & Wellness Association).**

A presentation was shown to the students regarding the career options in Navy as Officers and Sailors (Agniveer) which gave important information regarding ways to join the Indian Navy and the selection procedure. It made the girls aware about the various avenues in Indian Navy and how it can open the entire sky for them to grow and persue their passion and career in this field. It also made them understand how Indian Navy is different from Merchant Navy and Coast Guard, how it helps in various humanitarian projects and joint exercise with the naval forces of other countries. They also provided the website to the students for further queries.

The dynamic Women in Power, Women in White, the Pride of India, enriched the students with an interactive & meaningful session. The tag line of this orientation, 'She is Unstoppable' enhanced the horizon and satisfied the queries of students. It was a very interactive and meaningful workshop. The group photograph taken with the Lady Officers, team of NWWA and the RKKians concluded the session.



The Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, Delhi
(HCL 12th Indian Junior Open Squash Championship)

HCL 12th Indian Junior Open Squash Championship

Venue - The Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, Delhi

Date - 30th January to 3rd February 2023

Squash Coach - Mr Vijay Singh Parihar

Result - Yashi Jain of Class X-C reached finals and secured 2nd Position in Under 17 category & Chhavi Saran of Class VIII A participated in Under – 15 category.



Sant Atulanand Convent School, Varanasi
(CBSE National Athletic Meet)

CBSE National Athletic Meet

Date – 30th January to 6th February 2023

Venue - Sant Atulanand Convent School, Varanasi

RKK Athletics Coach - Dr. Sita Kumari

Result :-

- 1.Pooja Bishnoi of Class VI B won Bronze Medal in 3000 m Race Under 19 Girls.
- 2.Ira Gehlot of Class IX D participated in Javelin Throw under 17 Girls.
- 3.Vaidehi Rathore of Class VI A participated in Long jump Under 14 Girls.



Hamdard Education Society Sangam Vihar Delhi
(Hamdard 2nd Squashters Open Championship)

Hamdard 2nd Squashters Open Championship

Under Squash Racket Federation of India

Event Type - 4 - Star National Circuit

Venue – Hamdard Education Society Sangam Vihar Delhi.

Date – 15th to 19th February 2023

Rkk Squash Coach- Mr. Vijay Singh Parihar

Result - Girls' Under – 15 (Category)

- Chhavi Saran of Class VIII-A reached Semi Finals and secured 3rd Runners up Trophy with Merit Certificate.



The Daly College, Indore (Round Square Conference)

Someone rightly said, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step"

Keeping in mind the ethos of new and richer experiences, five delegates, namely *Kashvi Jain, Sanvie Jain, Saanvi Agarwal, Shivika Kothari and Jinanshi Jain* of Rajmata Krishna Kumari Girls' Public School, attended the **Round Square Conference** from **23rd-27th February** at **The Daly College, Indore** under the able guidance of their teacher escort **Mrs. Radhika Singh**.

The theme of the conference was "**Baalntantra – We the Children of the World**". The Conference was attended by 20 schools in India and 1 school from Tanzania, Africa. The 5 days of the conference were packed with engaging, enriching, and enthralling experiences for children and taught them about leadership, teamwork and camaraderie. Day 0 was a comfortable day that involved breaking sessions, a treasure hunt, and a soft Opening Ceremony that helped the children mingle and open up with their fellow participants.

Day 1 began with an open-air scrumptious breakfast by the lakeside lawns with some soulful live music, followed by the formal Opening Ceremony, which began with a prayer and message from the Principal of the host school emphasizing the need to connect. This was followed by the flag-bearing ceremony by the delegates, which set the tone for the ceremony. The Chief Guest, Air Chief Marshal Birendra Singh Dhanoa who graced the occasion gave insightful thoughts on the qualities of a leader. This was followed by a fun Baraza session for the participants and Rikka for adult delegates. This day had art activities such as Dokra Art, Gond Art, Tie-and-Dye, Mandana, Block Printing and Tapestry, which helped children to learn more about art and culture also gave them a chance to get hands-on experience. The day concluded with Indian style Mela with service activities with underprivileged kids and a laughter riot by a worldwide renowned comedian, Anuvab Pal.

Day 2 began with a trip to Mandu, the ruined city, where delegates immersed themselves in its history by visiting Baaz Bahadur Mahal, Rani Roopmati Mahal, and Jami Masjid. The day concluded with a hearty meal and a Malwi Dance and Barraza session at the Jahaz Mahal.

Day 3 commenced with the leadership lessons from Bhagavad Gita and Mahabarata by Master Avi Sharma, followed by Poster Making by various groups. This day was filled with adventure activities such as flying squirrel, target jump, wall climbing, commando net, zip lining, land roller, friendship ladder etc and these activities left the delegates with a gush of excitement and peals of laughter. Next came the Cultural Evening where the girls of RKK gave a mesmerising performance of Rajasthani Folk Dance. The adventurous day ended with much awaited Principal's Dinner – 'Shab-e-Malwa' where Conference Statement was signed by the participants.

Democracy is the right to choose and all these days the participants learned how to voice their opinions and create a change by taking charge and making their voices heard. A Civic Walk was organised on Day 4 starting from Daly College to the Commissioner of Indore's office. The procession had Poster Carriers, Horse Riders, Cyclists, Skaters, Floats, children dressed as politicians and delegates from each and every school with their flags with recurring slogans for making effective changes in the country. It was a sight to behold that the 'Children of the world' are ready to take charge and create a change for a better future. Post the civic walk, the Closing Ceremony was held where Chief Guest Mr. Matthew Rowan O'Brien, Head of School, Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School, Australia declared the RS Conference officially closed and also motivated children so that they can become leaders of tomorrow.



Sporty Funanza (Fun Races)

On the 28th February 2023, the students of Class Nursery celebrated Sports Day, aptly called 'Sporty Funanza'. The event started with a stupendous singing performance by the Choir of Class IV. The tiny tots participated enthusiastically in races like 'Sack Pack Race', 'Funny Bunny Race', 'Bee Buzz Race' and many more.

Even the parents took part in races with zealous enthusiasm as their children cheered them on. As the fun event ended with the students of Class Nursery dancing to the peppy songs, 'Jadoo Hai' and 'The best day of my life'. All the little munchkins were later felicitated in their classes by their class teachers.

