

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**A magical performance by our  
Healthy Planet Parents' Community!  
- Heartfelt thanks from all of us!**



## **Important Dates in School**

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### **October 1, 2024**

Mahatma Gandhi Commemoration Assembly

### **October 2, 2024**

Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti - Public holiday

### **October 7, 2024**

New Toddler Green Class opens!

### **October 9, 2024**

Dussehra - Event in school.

### **October 10-11, 2024**

Maha Ashtami - Public holidays - School is closed.

### **October 12, 2024**

Dussehra - Public holiday - School is closed.

### **October 18, 2024**

Cultural Celebration / Whole School Performance.

### **October 31, 2024**

Diwali - Public Holiday - School is closed.

## **Upcoming Events - November**

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### **November 1, 2024**

Diwali - Public holiday - School is closed.

### **November 15, 2024**

Guru Nanak Jayanti - Public holiday - School is closed.

## **Upcoming Events - December**

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### **December 20, 2024**

Santa and Sparkles - End-of-year performance and party.

### **December 25, 2024**

Christmas - Public holiday - School is closed.

### **December 27, 2024**

Last day of Term 3.





## A message from our Executive Head

### The Voices of Children Project

Healthy Planet TGA, Wish Town, is delighted to be recognised as one of the Voices of Children Creativity Centres in India and internationally.

### What is The Voices of Children Project?

This international project, being led by University College London (UCL) and the Bright Start Foundation, based in Geneva, Switzerland, is all about empowering young children. It aims to give them a platform to express themselves through creative arts and contribute to making the world a better place.

### Why is it important?

**Empowerment:** Your children are learning to become agents of sustainable change.

**Creativity:** They will use their art to express their ideas and feelings.

**Collaboration:** Children, their families, educators, and researchers are working together to create the new Voices of Children Pedagogy.

## How does it work?

**Participation:** Your children in Adventurers, Discoverers, and Explorers have signed up for the project (27th August 2024).

**Creative Expression:** They have launched their own galleries around the school (from 3rd September 2024).

**Ongoing Creation:** They continue to create their own artwork and artefacts.

## The Ultimate Goal

Your children will continue to be at the heart of this pioneering project, and we look forward to celebrating their unique contributions in the future. Dear parents, involve yourselves with your children at home, create with them, and display your work together at Healthy Planet TGA.

Kind regards,  
Ms Susan Holmes,  
Executive Head of School



# A message from our Head of School

Dear Families,

Term 2 has been action packed, with so many highlights, it is a challenge to count them!

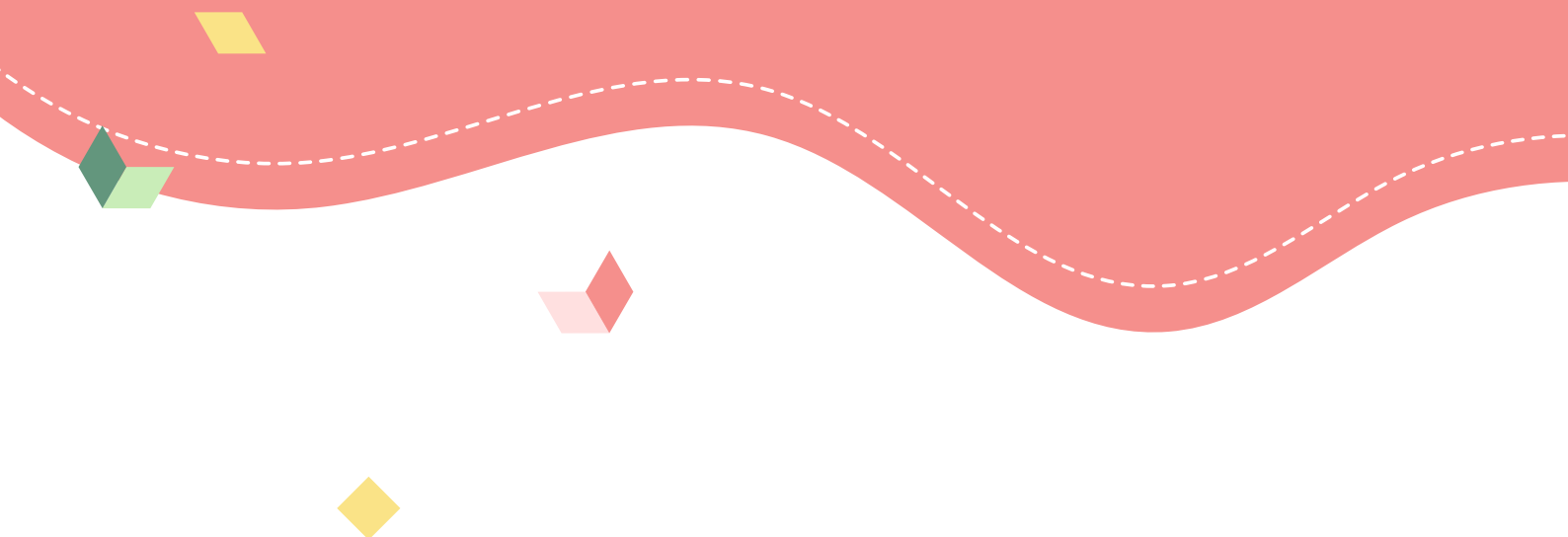
In summary, we have grown in so many ways.

With 80 children now in our school, new classes that have opened, new staff members and new families who have joined us; our *Healthy Planet* community is even more vibrant!

This term we have danced and sung to numerous cultural celebrations with *Independence Day*, *Janmashtami Day*, *Mango Day* and *Teachers' Day* as examples.

We have also advanced in our learning journeys, and so many of our youngest children are now bravely speaking in longer sentences in English with a wider vocabulary.

This amazing term came to an ultimate highlight on the last day, thanks to the wonderful performance of the well-loved story *Giraffes Can't Dance* by Giles Andreae, scripted, produced and



performed by some talented parent volunteers. We laughed, we danced, and we were above all greatly moved by their kind and caring gesture for our children. Thank you to all those who were involved, on behalf of our children, our staff, our school community and of course Titu and Lladoo!

On a personal note, this term marks my first year in this remarkable country that fascinates me a little more each day. Thank you to all of you for making me feel so welcome in India!

Happy Term 3 everyone! Let's continue to have fun and learn extraordinary things each day.

Very kind regards,  
Mrs Shayne Raffaud,  
Head of School






# A message from the Parent-Child Programme



Dear Families,

We have had a wonderful term of play and exploration and we have grown from one, happy, bubbly group to TWO!

In our morning programme this term we saw: Anahat, Naksh and Arzoi exploring our paints and messy play, Atharva loving our book corner and cars, Viya dancing a great deal, Naomika Punj and Vayu enjoying the light table, Yashvardhan cutting our toy vegetables and fruits, Vihana mark -making on the black board,



Viraaj having fun with playdough, Nyra concentrating with interest in our circle times and Naomika G- exploring *everything*!

In our afternoon group, we watched: Eera enjoying the sand, Gurshabadh riding on the giraffe toy, Nysa painting with joy, Rishik, building towers with blocks, Krishnn enjoying the outdoors, Kaveer discovering things in our magic box, Shanaya playing with our dolls, Aryaveer trying out our puzzles, Nivaan enjoying our butterfly garden, Shivana cuddling our soft toys, and Jaisvik and Nivanshi exploring *everything*!

Well done dear parents and children! We are proud of you all.

Ms. Srishti and Ms. Kshama





# A message from the Toddlers-Blue



We have had a wonderful Welcome Term in **Toddlers Blue!**

It is lovely to see our little learners 'spreading their wings' independently and sharing their personalities more and more with us each day.

This term we have seen Viransh happily spending time at the toy car garage and Samaira creating joyful pictures. Shrinika has enjoyed jumping and dancing, while Nirvair has enjoyed counting his teachers in circle time. Kavir had fun listening to his favourite





stories this term, while Vani and Agastya Garg cooked tasty and colourful treats in our toy kitchen! Krishang enthusiastically listened to, and sang many action rhymes, Agastya Bahl had fun riding around on our zebra toy and Abeer and Ajuni really enjoyed spending time outdoors in the *Butterfly* and *Treasure Gardens*.

Well done little ones. We are very proud of you all!

Ms. Nitya, Ms. Harshmita, and Ms Parakh



# A message from the Adventurers-Blue



Dear Families,

As we step into the next term, we are brimming with joy and looking forward to exciting opportunities and experiences for all of us!

It is wonderful to see how every child is unique in his or her own way. During Term 2, we observed that : Aadhya loves to explore new books, and Aavya loves to interact with her teachers and friends. Aarshya delights in music and movement and Dev never misses an opportunity to lend a helping hand to his teachers and classmates. Leonard loves to engage in imaginative play.

Maanvik loves to paint and Sabar likes to pretend to be a chef!





Sanvika enjoys telling us all about her family and Simar enjoys our Circle-Time discussions. Suhaana is seen using kind words very often, Vallari enjoys singing and dancing, while Vanraj has a fondness for outdoor play.

Well done little Adventurers Blue, we are proud of YOU!

Ms. Sakshi and Ms. Swaranjali



# A message from the Adventurers-Green



Dear Families

This term has been filled with exciting adventures as our students explored the fascinating worlds of weather and bugs. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and curiosity, which truly showcase their unique personalities and interests!

We have had the pleasure of observing the special joys each child brings to our classroom. This term we saw Anayra trying her best to settle into her new class, Aadya enjoying our cosy storytelling



sessions and Ahaan lighting up the room with his joyful spirit. Ameyaa delighted in preparing pretend food for her friends, and Anahita had a wonderful time painting with watercolours. Avi loved running and jumping, and Ayaansh had fun spending happy moments in the Hive. Pranit loved creating lovely patterns with blocks, and Veer took great joy in making playdough food. Mehr captivated us all with her feelings and ideas, and Vanya enjoyed asking interesting questions! Ivaan happily played at the sensory corners, while Sumer, full of energy, liked to volunteer to help and sing in our whole school assemblies!

It is truly heartwarming to witness their individual interests and enthusiasm. Congratulations, dear children; we are so proud of you!

Ms. Aayushi, Ms. Megha, Ms. Nandita



# A message from the Explorers & Discoverers



Dear Families,

This term our class 'went places'! We had a wonderful time exploring the *Rail* and *Dinosaur Museums* and we turned into curious little dinosaur detectives too!

We are now quite a team!

This term, Tanish's favourite part was going to the *Rail Museum* with his peers. We were delighted to see Meesha having fun interacting with her classmates and Ibrahim told us that his





favourite part of the term was the topic launch day, when he and his classmates discovered some hidden dinosaur eggs! We were thrilled to discover Amodini's flair for singing and she had a great time celebrating her birthday! We also welcomed Mira back





this term and she enjoyed singing songs during circle time and creating some beautiful art! A big welcome hug also goes to Aarvi who joined our class this term and already loves painting.

Well done everyone! Term 3 here we come!

Ms Aarti, Ms Amrisha and Bharti Didi





# Around School



We have been a part of a myriad of events and celebrations this term!

From *Mango Day* to *Janmashtami*, from *Book Week* to *Dinosaur exhibits* in Delhi, and from *Rakshabhandan* to *Id e Milad*, we have danced and sung and learnt in an active and experiential way about



the different customs and cultures in our own community and greater world.

Here are some happy photo memories!





# We are expanding!

We are pleased to announce that the foundations have been laid and construction is underway at our upcoming **Healthy Planet Primary School** in Noida Sector 137 (next to the Felix Hospital) .

Offering a continuation of education from our current school, the new **Healthy Planet Primary School** will offer programmes up to/including Grade 6 ( age 12+) and is currently scheduled to open its doors for April 2026.





# Healthy Planet Library and Imagination Studio



The entire month of June this year, we curated an experiential world tour for our children as part of our *Around the World Summer Programme*. The children had an enchanting experience creating art, listening to stories, exploring literacy, and gaining an introduction to country specific cultures and practices. A few of the areas touched upon were: *Northern lights*; Hieroglyphic name art; Mosaic art; Yayoi Kusama and Frida Kahlo inspired art; *Great Barrier Reef*; Dutch, French and Japanese language lessons; *NBA and FIFA*; *Amazon rainforests*; and British and American Literature.


On account of *Doctors' Day*, July began with a fun-filled informative session conducted by our member parent Dr. Noopur who, after the read aloud *Llama Llama, Doctors are here to help*, graced our children with reasons why doctors should not be feared.




Following a read-aloud of *Charlie and Lola: Look After Your Planet*, our children tried the process of making their own recycled paper and then moulded it into a small cup. The overall experience fostered virtues of empathy and care for one another and our planet.

In August, *Lionel Messi's* incredible career and achievements sparked excitement among the children. Following the story, a fun and challenging football quiz tested their knowledge of the sport and its stars, and they moved with high spirits to an obstacle course where they tackled a drill designed to improve their football skills. They dribbled through paths, navigated agility challenges, and took their best shots at the goalpost. Laughter and cheers filled the courtyard as the children enjoyed the hands-on experience, learning and having fun all at once.








Our recent *Narrative Writing Workshop* for children was a transformative experience. Young participants learned storytelling through memory webs and personal photos, making the process engaging and enjoyable. The first two sessions introduced key storytelling elements like character development, plot structure, and setting. Interactive activities helped children blend their memories and imagination into compelling narratives. Using personal photos as prompts added an emotional connection to their stories. As the workshop progressed, group discussions and peer reviews created a collaborative learning environment. The final session culminated in a showcase where each child presented their narrative, celebrating creativity and hard work.



We enjoyed a magical celebration of *Taylor Swift* including a read-aloud of a book on the superstar. Then our *Swifties* fearlessly conquered the stage in their 'blingiest' outfits for a round of *Karaoke* in their best party attire!



With nature in full bloom in our gardens, we transformed one day into an exciting naturalist exploration experience for our members. The event kicked off with a delightful read-aloud session focused on gardens and bugs, sparking curiosity and wonder in our young explorers. Following a scavenger hunt in the *Butterfly Garden*, our budding naturalists formed small teams to build *bug hotels*—cosy shelters where insects can stay during the monsoons. These *bug hotels* provide a unique opportunity for





the children to observe the insects over time, fostering a deeper connection with nature.

On *National Handloom Day*, the read-aloud of *Sadiq Wants to Stitch* was a delightful success! The children were deeply absorbed by the story and eager to dive into the loom weaving activities. Our member parent, Ms. Saloni organised and led the interactive weaving activities that greatly enhanced the children's learning. They enthusiastically practised weaving with strips of paper, grasping the concepts of warp and weft. The experience was further enriched as they used magnifying glasses



to explore different fabrics and see the weaving process up close. Additionally, the children enjoyed an art activity where they used blocks to create vibrant prints with paint on paper.

On *Grandparents' Day*, our school and library were filled with the joy and warmth that only grandparents can bring. We gathered together to read stories, share laughter, and enjoy the precious moments created by the presence of different generations. To celebrate this special relationship and the priceless wisdom, stories, legends, and myths passed down from one generation to the next, we invited our grandparents to accompany their grandchildren to the library to connect over delightfully timeless tales found in *Amar Chitra Katha* graphic books. Following this,, everybody sowed a little sapling to take home. We wrapped up the event with a relaxing tea and coffee session at the *Café*, providing a perfect setting for everyone to unwind and share their experiences.





One rainy afternoon, children gathered eagerly for a read-aloud session featuring *Maisy Goes on a Plane* by Lucy Cousins. As the story unfolded, their eyes sparkled with excitement, imagining Maisy's adventures. After the reading, the fun continued when a practical experience: a role-play airport was set up. The courtyard buzzed with energy as the children turned into passengers and interacted with the pilot and airport staff. They navigated through security, checked their boarding passes, and 'boarded' their flights, fully immersing themselves in the playful world of travel!

Our *Independence Day* event was designed to help our young readers uncover the rich history of our great nation. We organised an age-appropriate, interactive session that delved into India's struggle for independence, making history come alive for our curious minds. Mr. Akash Banerjee, a parent and esteemed member of our community, was present as a history expert to answer the children's questions and share his insights into our nation's past.



# Sparrows at Home Café News



It is lovely to see our cosy co-working space and *café* full of parents and children throughout the day. Do try this term's favourites, the very popular *Lemon Blend* drink with a slice of *Brownie*!

We have now added a snug reading corner for adults, and a book - swap shelf, already full of a wide range of non and fiction books.

Please feel free to dip into and add to our selection.



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# Tips for happy children!

## Setting up a creative table in your home



(Thank you dear Suhaana, aged 3 years, for your picture of Sakshi Ma'am!)

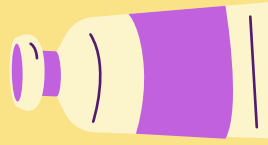
Children love painting, drawing and making joyful pictures and simple 3 dimensional structures that hold meaning for them.

- For those of our little ones who do not speak yet, offering them the opportunities to show their inner 'voices' through creation is important!

Having a dedicated space where your children can access a range of things themselves and make their own kind of art whenever they wish to, makes them feel good and it also benefits their fine motor skills and literacy development at the same time.

Art making is a wonderful way for all children to express their feelings and ideas freely. •





Find a cosy and permanent carpet- free place in their bedrooms or a place in your house, make the table suitable for a child's height, add a small chair and little baskets of the following kinds of materials to make it even more inviting:

- A glue stick,
- Some wooden ice cream sticks
- Wide/'fat' crayons for young children's hands
- A tray of water-colour paints and a water pot,
- A thick and thin paint brush,
- A pot of playdough and some playdough tools
- Some small pieces of coloured and different textured papers,
- Some A4 paper, cut into different shapes – remember, we do not always need to paint or draw on rectangular shapes!



### **Useful notes:**

\*Child-sized scissors can be nearby but would always require your supervision when used.

\*Sequins, buttons and assorted other shiny things can add a sparkle to their creations, but again, must only be used under adult supervision.

\*Do not forget to have a basket of natural materials like leaves, little shells, pebbles etc. available, that your child has perhaps collected on trips to the park, beach or your garden etc. Again, supervision is important when small elements are being used by your young one.

### **Important:**

*\*Ready - made/photocopied or colouring book style drawings to 'colour in' do not count as art! True art is something that is completely invented and created by the children themselves.*

*\*Do not be surprised if your little one is unable to tell you about or explain their creations ! It is the **process** and **enjoyment** of making the art that matters the most and should always be encouraged and celebrated!*

Happy art making everyone!

We would love to see photos of any masterpieces your children make!



(Thank you dear Ibrahim, aged 4 years, for your wonderful drawing!)



# This term, we celebrate:

These twinkling stars!  
Well done, everyone!



Aavya



Aadhya



Aayansh



Ahaan



Ibrahim



Ivaan



Meesha



Mira





Simar



Nirvair



Suhaana



Vanraj



Ahaan's grandma



Aavya's grandma



Ibrahim's mummy



Sumer's daddy



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