



## HAPPENINGS

First day of school  
Let's go green  
Speak up Kids



# From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Teachers and Students

I extend a very warm welcome to all of you after the Summer Break. We hope that all of you have had a restful and exciting break with family and friends. Let us start the remaining part this academic session 2019-20 with an interesting thought which says:

**Did you know that being overprotective of your child can do more harm than good? By Amrita Gracias**

Some parents are overprotective because they feel that it is their duty to protect their child from all the dangers and challenges, hardships and disappointments. Such parents turn overprotective, and tend to constantly monitor their child and take control of her / his life.

Will we be available at each and every moment to protect them throughout their lives? Possibly the answer is 'NO'. Then let us 'THINK', what we as parents and teachers should do, to equip our children with such tools that they can lead a successful and happy life. Research shows that overprotection is more detrimental than beneficial to a child, leading to unfavourable effects on his cognitive and social-emotional skills.

While it is normal for parents to be concerned about their children, we must understand the fine line that divides protection from overprotection. There is no harm in allowing our children to learn from their mistakes and face challenges that life throws their way.

Skills that are required for leading a successful and satisfied life as an adult are learnt only by the following activities:

S. No.	ACTIVITIES	SKILLS DEVELOPED
1.	Trying out something new and different	<b>Risk Taking, Creativity and Imagination</b>
2.	Being a part of a team and learning collaboratively	<b>Collaboration and Teamwork</b>
3.	Interacting about one's own thoughts and ideas without any fear and apprehension	<b>Communication Skills</b>
4.	Having integrity and valuing opinion of others	<b>Social Responsibility and Ethics</b>
5.	Engaging in self-directed, project based and applied learning	<b>Critical Thinking and Problem Solving</b>
6.	Appreciating the good in others, oneself and nature, forgiving and forgetting	<b>Flexibility and Adaptability</b>
7.	Developing cross cultural understanding	<b>Global and cultural awareness</b>

We at Cygnus are trying our best to provide all these skills to students through various inter disciplinary activities. Knowledge is available with each one of us at the tip of our fingers due to the advent of technology. These core human values and skills will enable our children in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century to be content individuals instead of becoming robots. This would be the differentiating factor for all our 'CYGNITES'. **They will develop into Confident, Global Citizens, with strong Decision Making, Critical Thinking and Problem Solving Skills adaptable to all circumstances.**

These cannot be achieved by over protecting our children. Allow them to inquire, research and explore the world around them and in the process let them learn. They may fall, but every failure is a stepping stone to success.

I appeal to all Parents, Teachers and my Dear Students to definitely gain knowledge but simultaneously make sure that they enable and equip themselves with these transferable skills that will ensure success in whatever field they choose to be in.

**LET ALL OF US COLLABORATE TO MAKE OUR KIDS STRONG,  
BOTH EMOTIONALLY AND PHYSICALLY**



## Upcoming Events :

- ◆ Eric Carle Week
- ◆ Guru Purnima celebrations
- ◆ Speak up kids (Rhymes come alive)
- ◆ Raksha Bandhan celebrations
- ◆ Janmashtami celebration
- ◆ Crazy hair day
- ◆ Math week
- ◆ Teacher's day celebrations

# PROUD MOMENTS !



Ananmay Sharma of Grade VI- won the First Position in the Open Chess Tournament, Under 13 organized by the Chess Association of Vadodara held on 26th January 2019.



Amaan Kazi of Grade III completed the Greenathon. It is a 10 km Cycle Race organised by Vidhyanagar Nature Club at Vidhyanagar.



Namrata Tandon of Grade VIII reached the Finals of the Under 14 Open Baroda District Tennis Tournament. She was awarded with the Runners Up trophy and a certificate for the same.



Success is the sum of small efforts put day in and day out. The efforts that Cygnus World School has put in have not gone unnoticed and through sheer grit and determination the school has been able to establish itself as one of the leading schools in Vadodara.

Recently, Cygnus World School has been ranked as one of the best schools in India in a survey conducted by Digital Learning Magazine. To further sweeten this feeling of being one of the top most schools, the Leading Schools of the World Corp., which accredits and recognizes schools on international standards, has identified Cygnus World School as a Leading School of the World.



Natania Kumar and Kavya Aga of Grade X (Session 2018-19) and VI respectively have made it to the List of Honour for the 4th Young Author Awards 2018. The Young Author awards are given by The School Post India, an initiative by The Times of India to encourage



Bhavya Shah of Grade I won the Certificate of Merit with A++ Grade at the School Championship, category I conducted by the National Math League, the Indian Science Challenge, and the Indian English Challenge 2018-19 respectively



Another feather in the cap of achievements!!

Mr Praveen Maripelly conducted 108 Suryanamaskars in 106 minutes celebrating the Fifth International Yoga Day at Lakshmi Villas palace. Around 1000 participants performed Suryanamaskars under the able guidance of Mr. Maripelly. The school is extremely proud of his achievement.



## Workshop conducted by the Principal.

Ms. Kanchan Joshi, the principal of Cygnus World School, was appointed as a resource person by Center of Excellence (CBSE) to conduct a workshop on classroom management at Bhavkunj School, Mehsana. The workshop was attended by teachers from several school in and around Ahemdabad.

Cygnus shines yet again! Our school has received a 100% result with a strong proportion scoring over 90%. The benchmark has been set, and the road is set straight for success. Congratulations Cygnites!



# ACHIEVERS PAGE



## READING BUG

### March '19

Winners	Class
Nirvaan Raghani	Pixies A
Hetansh Fanslkar	Pixies B
Yashvi Patel	Pixies C
Miraan Patel	Pixies D
Mahima Goswami	Elves A
Palash Joshi	Elves B
Aashika Shinde	Elves C
Heer Shah	Elves D
Medhansh Desai	Brownies A
Kiaan Gandhi	Brownies B
Shuchi Bhatt	Brownies C
Aarshi Gandhi	Brownies D

### April '19

Winners	Class
Preet Shah	Elves A
Mohd. Shezanwasif	Elves B
Jaidhar Jalan	Elves C
Heer Wadhvani	Elves D
Mohit Matai	Brownies A
Soham Ajwani	Brownies B
Navya Parikh	Brownies C
Advika Nair	Brownies D



April '19 Reading bug certificate winners



### June '19

Winners	Class
Anisha Meena	Pixies A
Ditya Ladia	Pixies B
Anayah Ahmed	Pixies C
Shambhavi Gupta	Pixies D
Riona Patel	Elves A
Naitik Sindhi	Elves B
Anvita Deshmukh	Elves C
Darshita Sindhi	Elves D
Keshav Patel	Brownies A
Shashwat Patel	Brownies B
Aum Patel	Brownies C
Panya Khosla	Brownies D



June '19 Reading bug certificate winners

# KODAK MOMENTS !





# Events at Cheviot Kids:

## First Day of School



**“One day or day one it’s your decision”.**

I am a risk taker and a mess maker. I am a confident doer of exciting things. I am not built for desk sitting. My busy brain craves for more action and novelty. I am an observant seeker of adventures. I need to play, move and explore. Please don't rush my childhood I am just starting my Pre-school.

So with the above written thought and with the finest interest of your children we started the academic year 2019-20 with open arms and hearts. Pixies children came in with teary eyes but a majority of them left with a smile. As play is serious business for children thus these few days have specifically been planned for children to have fun and start loving their school. We also had song, rhymes and story sessions with puppets to make this first day as memorable as possible .

## Out and About

## Let's Go Green



**“Nothing beats an exciting hands-on-experience to deepen learning. The magic of a field trip isn’t just a subject. It’s the break in routine and an adventure that opens up children’s minds to new things.”**

The field trip to the Vadodara Museum located in Sayajibaug was an enriching, educational and an inspirational experience for our children. They were in awe of the ginormous “Blue Whale Skeleton” and couldn't stop chatting about the same on the return bus ride to the school. The preserved animal, birds and amphibian section was a front-runner with the students. Children also relished gobbling the delicious nutritional snacks bought from home with their friends and peers, Kodak moments were radiantly captured by our photographers cum educators to secure this day for ever in our kindergarten memory albums.

**It’s our duty to save our environment’s beauty.**

Let's go green to keep our surrounding clean was our mission for the years to come. We at Cheviot and Cygnus yearn to produce little earth helpers who will carry this mammoth responsibility on their tender but tough shoulders and keep our planet clean and green. Thus to achieve this titanic task we start early and sensitize our youngest minds to become earth lovers, helpers and care takers. We did simple yet effective activities like storytelling, river cleaning task, clean your classroom etc. to instil small but everlasting habits that can bring about constructive changes for our Mother Earth. With these beliefs in our heart and soul we also distributed customised jute bags to the whole school. The idea was to discourage the use of plastic bags. So parents please join hands with us on this noble and significant mission cause without your backing the learning's of our students will not be far-reaching and long-lasting.

# Events at Cheviot Kids:

## Insight into the curriculum: Brownies and Elves



**“The whole purpose of curriculum is to turn mirrors into windows.” Sydner J. Harris**

Parents of Elves and Brownies were introduced and given specific information about how their child is going to learn the basic life skills and academic concepts using the teaching aids related to language, number, theme and design technology. The Head and the section coordinators along with their team of teachers explained to parents how their children will be methodically exposed and introduced to different learning concepts and skills that will have an everlasting impact on their learning curve.

## Insight into the curriculum: Pixies



**“Curriculum should help children make deeper and fuller understanding of their own experience.”**

**– Lilian Katz**

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We also help parents understand that they are the first teachers for their child who are capable enough to create environments and experiences in which learning can happen.

Parents were thrilled to watch a video which showcased their child's routine, in the school.

## Value Education: The Best me I can Be





# GETTING TO KNOW MY TEACHER - DEEPA PATEL

Q1 Which is more, challenging being a mother or an educator?

Ans: Educator gives an initial shape to a child's life, helps them develop the way they look at the world, teaches them to form an opinion as they grow. Whereas a mother inspires the upbringing, growth and development. Helps them learn good everyday habits, manners and behaviour to deal with people and situations. So, I feel Mother's role is more challenging than that of an educator.

Q2 Who has been your biggest admirer and toughest critic and how?

Ans: My family is my biggest admirer and toughest critic. They applaud me for my good work and not just criticize but also correct me for anything inappropriate. This happens to be my strength, as over years it has helped me to set paths straight and learn from my mistakes. Additionally, my colleagues have played an important role in improving my quality of work and helping me put my best foot forward. I find them to be tough critics too.

Q3 What values would you like to inculcate in young hearts and mind ?

Ans: In I would want my children to be honest, truthful and punctual. But having a sense of respect towards Mother Nature and God-given things is a must too. Habits like not wasting food and water or not littering the mother earth in any way, must be inculcated in them. Responsibilities towards such natural things and to self, can surely help them grow into good human beings.

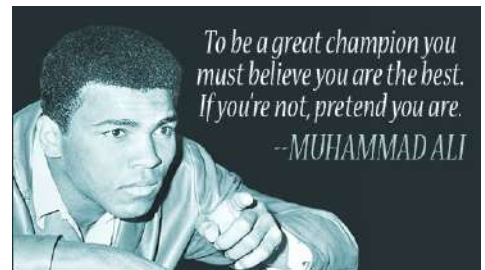
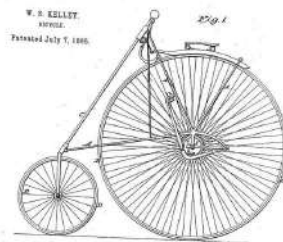
Q4 Your favourite memory as teacher and as a mother.

Ans: I am a teacher by choice and so I thoroughly enjoy each and every moment spent with my children. There are numerous memories created every day but the best one I cherish is that few years back I had a child in my class who was shy and hardly spoke few words. In the PTM, her mother asked me if her child needs a speech therapist. I refused and told her what she can do to help the child. I was working with the child in my own way. End of the year, the child got transformed, she opened up and started talking. The mother came with the flowers and a thank you card and appreciated me for showing trust in her child. Even now her mother comes to meet me and expresses her gratitude.

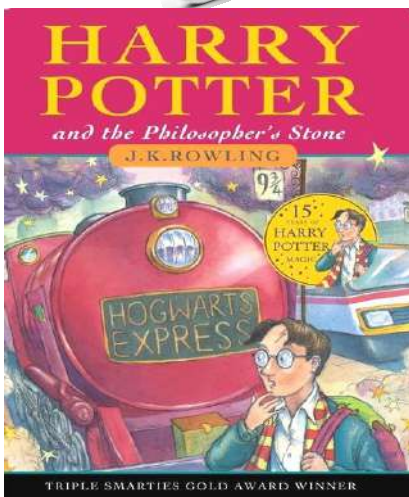


## This day that year

Bicycle was patented by  
WK Clarkson



Muhammad Ali announced his retirement from heavy weight championship.



JK Rowling's book "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's stone" was published in the UK.

