

# STEP UP SCHOOL

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**"Every challenge we encounter today serves as a stepping stone towards a stronger tomorrow"**

Life's challenges are designed to refine us, not to embitter us. Each passing year takes us on a journey down memory lane, filled with a tapestry of experiences that evoke nostalgia. Some memories are heartwarming, while others may be difficult, yet they all impart invaluable life lessons that no book can provide. These memories transform every year into an emotional roller coaster ride, filled with achievements, trials, milestones, and aspirations. We express our gratitude to the Divine for the blessings we've received particularly during the academic year of 2022-23.

At Step Up School, we cultivate students to become independent learners. We cherish their voices and regard them as active participants in the learning process. We recognize that equipping children with tools and strategies to become conscious learners empowers them to navigate the complexities of real life. We instill in our young minds the belief that they can take charge of their lives and make decisions that matter. This nurtures their inner confidence, courage, and resilience to overcome whatever challenges life presents, including setbacks, adversaries, disappointments, and setbacks.

The educational framework at Step Up School harmoniously blends theory and practicality, ensuring a well-rounded curriculum. Our focus extends beyond the intellectual growth of the next generation; we also nurture their emotional and behavioral development during their formative years. This is achieved by instilling strong moral values, a sense of responsibility, and social awareness through diverse co-curricular activities and school celebrations."

Step Up School saw its opening in the offline mode for the academic year 2022-23 on 4th April, 2022. The staff along with the management welcomed the students and their parents after the pandemic. Step Up School, under the aegis of ABESIT, conducted the **Orientation programme** for the parents and students of Grades Nursery to IX to familiarize them with the latest curriculum, teaching pedagogy and assessment pattern for the session 2022-23. The programme commenced by welcoming the parents and the students, followed by enriching the audience with the vision and mission of the school. The Wing Heads explained different guidelines along with the salient features of the school. The programme ended with the Principal, Dr. Gunjita Kumar and Advisor, Mr. Praveen Yadav, addressing the parents and laying emphasis on the active involvement of Parents as partners in education and emphasizing on the strong connect between both teachers and parents for the holistic development of the child.

At Step Up School, we are always enthusiastic and look forward to new challenges and experiences. Adding fun to learning creates the best educational experience possible. Keeping this in mind, the school organized '**SPELLATHON- A SPELLING BEE COMPETITION 2022**' for its stupendous Stepians of Grade II to X on April 18, 2022. The event was conducted in three rounds. In the first round, the students had a dictation of 10 words. Those who qualified had the opportunity to attempt the second round i.e., preliminary round. In the second round, the participants had to answer a worksheet which had different exercises like jumbled letters, crossword and circle the correct spelling, anagrams, etc. This truly tested the linguistic skills of the students. The qualifiers of the second round moved on to participate in the final round which was a rapid-fire round. In the final round, the top contenders from each category competed for the coveted top three positions. The gruelling rounds tested children's memorization power, understanding and application of spellings. This event helped and assisted the students to develop their vocabulary as well as communication skills with increased confidence levels as it was designed in an age and grade appropriate manner. Our honourable Principal Ma'am, Dr. Gunjita Kumar

expressed her sheer happiness at the efforts of the students. She encouraged all the students and applauded them for their endeavours.

**Earth day** is a day to celebrate the essence of nature and invest in our planet, restore nature and build a healthy planet for our future generations. Our students of classes Nursery - V celebrated World Earth Day on April 22, 2022. The Earth Day Celebrations began with a Special Assembly. Students were made aware of the main theme "Invest In our Planet" through real life examples. Students realized how human activities can influence the survival of birds, animals and plants, through a class discussion. They shared different ways in which they can preserve their Earth in the years to come. All students enthusiastically participated in the interaction and shared some significant contributions that they could make to save mother Earth and to make this planet a happy place for every living being. Students also put their thoughts creatively on paper and enjoyed the planned activities such as bookmark making, plant a sapling, badge making, etc. The day ended with the pledge to make the Earth a better place and keep it healthy by using the aspects of 3 R's-Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

"**Community Helper's Day**" is a wonderful way to broaden the child's horizon and help them learn about the world beyond home-their community. Community Helper's Day was organized in the school by the students on 29th April 2022. The students expressed their gratitude to the community helpers on the day in the special morning assembly and they also presented beautiful handmade cards and flowers to the helper staff of the school. The activities organized helped them in building confidence and respect for the people who make our lives easy with their vast services. Moreover, this gave them an opportunity to understand the world around them and know their place in it as well.

**Mothers' Day** is a celebration honouring mothers and celebrating motherhood, parental bonds and the role of mothers in shaping the lives of their children. Little Stepians celebrated the day on May 6, 2022, in their own special way by honoring their mothers, surprising them with handmade cards and poems. The event got more fruitful from the way they celebrated Mother's Day, depicting their unending love and gratitude for their mothers.

With much joy and eagerness, Step Up School organized two days **Summer event** from Monday, 30th May -Tuesday, 31st May 2022 for the students of Grade I-X. The days were full of fun and frolic for little Stepians. The day included an array of activities like Magic show, Daily science experiments, exploring Space and Mars followed by Movie Time where the kids enjoyed watching their all-time favourite movies. The fun filled activities for the anxious children after the pandemic, was a delightful treat. It gave them an opportunity to learn new skills, while being in a safe environment of school. The toddlers enthusiastically participated in different activities. Our little scholars zealously participated & showcased their diligence towards each planned activity. The event was earnestly appreciated not only by the participants but also by their parents.

Step Up School, in collaboration with **FIT INDIA ORGANIZATION**, organized CYCLE RALLY on 10th June, 2022 (Friday), where the students participated with great vigour and enthusiasm. The aim of the rally was to raise awareness about the benefits of cycling. Many students cheerfully participated in the cycling rally and promoted the rally by cycling near some 2 kms in the surrounding areas to spread awareness about health among the people. Cycling is one of the best exercises for a fit and healthy life. We proudly announce that the Step Up School has now become an official "FIT INDIA FREEDOM RIDER".

"On June 21, 2022, Step Up School celebrated '**International Yoga Day**' with deep respect. Students from Grade I to X actively participated in a refreshing Yoga session. They showcased Surya Namaskar and various asanas, accompanied by warm-up exercises and breathing techniques, while concurrently understanding the significance of these practices. Our esteemed Principal ma'am, Dr. Gunjita Kumar, concluded the event by encouraging students to incorporate regular yoga into their lives to maintain

fitness, which ultimately leads to a better physical, mental, and spiritual life.

On July 6, 2022, Step Up School organized a workshop focusing on '**Good Touch & Bad Touch**' for Grades I to III students, aiming to enhance their awareness and safety. Ms. Sakshi Arora led the workshop, with the primary objective of educating children about differentiating between positive and negative physical contact, providing them with tools to protect themselves against any potential instances of child abuse or molestation. The workshop was interactive, emphasizing the importance of calmly handling potentially risky situations. Its goal was to empower the students, known as young "stepians," to confide in trusted adults, be it teachers, the Principal, or any other responsible figure, about any form of abuse or discomfort they might encounter. As a part of the session, the students were shown "Komal," an animated short film created by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, to facilitate a better understanding of the concept of Child Sexual Abuse.

The **Inaugural Annual Award Ceremony** was held by Step Up School on July 30, 2022, honoring students from Grades II-X for their outstanding achievements in academic areas. This esteemed event acknowledged the dedicated efforts and academic excellence of these deserving students, highlighting their hard work and accomplishments from the previous academic year.

**"Leaders are made, they are not born. They are made by hard effort, which is the price which all of us must pay to achieve any goal that is worthwhile."**

The **Investiture Ceremony** for the academic year 2022-23 ceremoniously inducted the newly elected and selected members of Step Up School's prefectorial board on July 30, 2022. On July 19, 2022, the school conducted elections for the Student Council Members, and it's a pleasure to announce that a total of 154 voters, including students from Grade V to X and teachers participated using the ballot box system. All these deserving young leaders have been entrusted with the responsibility of leading the school with dedication and confidence. The proud parents were filled with immense joy as badges and sashes were presented to the newly elected Students' Council members.

**Raksha Bandhan** is one of the most endearing ways to celebrate the bond between brothers and sisters. It was celebrated with full enthusiasm, zeal and gaiety at Step Up School on 10th August, 2022. Students were familiarized with the customs and rituals followed on Raksha Bandhan.

**"Independence Day is the day not only to engage in celebrations but also to remember each sacrifice made to make this day possible...."**

**Independence Day** is the time to recall the famous "Vande Matram", the chant that gave us the freedom and also what Romain Rolland quoted, "If there is one place on the face of earth where all the dreams of living men have found a home from the very earliest days when man began the dream of existence, it is India. Step Up School celebrated the 76th Independence Day on 15th August 2022 with great patriotic fervour and zeal. The school organized various activities like enactment, speech, role play, solo-dance performance, etc. via special assembly. The aim of the activities was to keep students connected and celebrate the occasion with the patriotic fervour. The spirit of nationalism and freedom was well exhibited by the students through a spectrum of activities. Indeed, it was a day of elation, a day of love and respect for the nation, instilling in the students the value and reverence for the precious gift of freedom, by the great leaders of the country.

Just as a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step, our initiatives at Step Up School mirrored this philosophy. Step Up School organized **Swaranjali** and **Nrityanjali** for the students of Grade I to IX on August 10, 2022 and August 16, 2022 respectively. These events were conceived with the twin objectives of introducing students to our cultural heritage and deepening the understanding of our deities. Swaranjali focused on 'Patriotism,' while Nrityanjali centered on a 'Devotional' theme. Utilizing music and dance as the primary mediums, we adopted a simple yet effective approach.

Recognizing the universal appeal of these performing arts, our students had the opportunity to not only showcase their talents but also to share and absorb knowledge about diverse styles, fostering collaboration among them.

To seek the blessings of Lord Krishna, **Janmashtami** was celebrated at Step Up School on 18th August, 2022 with mirth and joy. To celebrate the extraordinary bond between the children and the Almighty, Step Up School took the opportunity to both jubilant and learn with the young minds. The students dressed up as lord Krishna and Radha, complete their look with the help of flutes, peacock feathers and matkis.

### **LET YOUR FEAR DIE...**

#### **EXPAND YOUR WINGS, FLY HIGH!**

Step Up School proudly hosted the inaugural **SUS MUN (MODEL UNITED NATIONS)** Conference on 26 August 2022, dedicated to fostering a global perspective, critical thinking, and personality development among our students. The focus was on the imperative issue of **DISARMAMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS** within the **UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY**. Witnessing the active engagement of our vibrant Stepians, representing various countries as delegates, was an inspiring pleasure.

### **"Let's nurture the nature so that we can have better future".**

Keeping this in mind, a fun filled GK/EVS DAY was organised on 29th August, 2022 for the students of Grades II to V where a wide array of activities were conducted. Grade II enthusiastically participated in GK Quiz, Grade III & IV students engaged themselves in making captivating models of 'Photosynthesis' and 'Water Cycle' respectively. Grade V students were also involved in 'Laughing Gear' activity.

Our Stepians have set a benchmark in the **Inter-School Sports Competition** organised at Gurukul School on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 and 1<sup>st</sup> Sep 2022 by bagging 10 Gold Medals, 8 Silver Medals and 6 Bronze Medals, where they not only prove their mettle but also presented tough competition for the other participants. The plethora of achievements by Step Up School is a victory that keeps working ceaselessly to make dreams come true.

**Teacher's Day** was celebrated by the students of Step Up School with a lot of gaiety and enthusiasm as the whole country celebrated the Teachers Day on 5th September every year. On this occasion, the students of our school expressed their gratitude and appreciation for their teachers. The most striking feature of the celebration was that the whole programme was planned and conducted by the students. Students also arranged stage performances and several other cultural activities.

**देश की शान है हिंदी,**

**देश की पहचान है हिंदी,**

**क्योंकि हर भारतीय के दिल में विराजमान हैं 'हिंदी'**

भारत संपूर्ण विश्व में सबसे विविध देशों में से एक है। भारत विभिन्न धर्म, रीति-रिवाज, परंपराओं और भाषाओं से संपन्न देश हैं। 'हिंदी' भाषा भारत की सबसे प्रमुख भाषाओं में से एक है। भारत की राजभाषा को श्रद्धांजलि देने के लिए 14 सितंबर को हिंदी दिवस मनाया जाता है। जिसके उपलक्ष में स्टेप अप स्कूल द्वारा देश की सबसे व्यापक रूप से बोली जाने वाली भाषा 'हिंदी' के महत्व को समझाने के लिए बड़े ही उत्साह के साथ हिंदी दिवस का आयोजन किया गया। राष्ट्रभाषा हिंदी के उपयोग हेतु छात्रों को प्रेरित करने के लिए कक्षा 1 से 10 वीं तक के छात्रों के लिए कविता वाचन, निबंध लेखन, नारा लेखन, दोहा गायन और हिंदी प्रश्नोत्तरी जैसी गतिविधियों का आयोजन किया गया। ये गतिविधियाँ छात्रों में भाषा कौशल, श्रवण कौशल व कल्पना शक्ति के विकास और भाषा सीखने के उद्देश्य से आयोजित की गई।

सभी छात्रों की अधिकतम भागीदारी के साथ यह एक बड़ी सफलता थी जो छात्रों में विभिन्न कौशलों को बढ़ाने में मदद करती है।

**Grandparents' day** was celebrated at Step Up School on 17th September 2022, where the tiny tots of pre-primary wing filled the stage with beautiful colours through the enactment of the story 'Little Red Riding Hood'.

**"Every child is an artist."-Pablo Picasso.**

Keeping this in mind and exploring the creative potential in the young minds, **Colour-Splash** was conducted for Grades Nursery-II on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The children showcased their creative skills in drawing and colouring and the result was amazing artwork. This fun-filled activity witnessed enthusiastic participation by the students.

The Pre-primary and Primary wings at Step Up School marked the joyous occasion of **Dussehra** with enthusiasm on September 30, 2022. The vibrant culture of India deserves to be shared with children, fostering respect and appreciation for cultural diversity. The Pre-primary Wing commenced the celebration by watching a short-animated story depicting the festival's legend, then engaging in a craft activity. Meanwhile, the Primary wing students orchestrated a special assembly, culminating in a 'Character Enactment' where they portrayed various characters from the epic Ramayana.

**Be the change you wish to see in the world" - a timeless phrase.**

**Gandhi Jayanti** holds significance nationwide, honoring the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of our nation. At our school on September 30, 2022, students fervently celebrated Bapu's 153<sup>rd</sup> birthday, embracing a patriotic spirit. Grades I & II led a special assembly, delving into Gandhi's life and philosophy. Meanwhile, Grades III to V orchestrated a 'Swachhta Rally,' infusing the school with an enchanting atmosphere. The children, inspired, returned to their classes, determined to embody ahimsa, Gandhi's principle of non-violence, in their everyday actions.

**Diwali**, the festival of lights that enlightens the hearts and brings joy to everyone was celebrated at Step Up School on October 21, 2022. Decorated in vibrant hues, the school had an ambience of joy and happiness. Diwali was celebrated in school campus by organising a variety of competitions for students. The senior wing students were given the task of designing a Rangoli that symbolises luck, happiness, and optimism. The students also participated in another competition of Thali decoration and demonstrated their aesthetic sense of colours and designs.

**Children's day** is celebrated in remembrance of India's first Prime Minister Jawahar Lal Nehru, born on November 14, 1889, he was fondly called Chacha Nehru by children of India. November 14, marks Nehru's devotion to welfare, education and development of children and young people.

The birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was celebrated at Step Up School on November 14, 2022. The celebrations aimed at motivating and grooming children who are the future of nation. Exhilarating activities were organised for students to unfold their creative and aesthetic skills. The highlight of the day was the movie show of Bhoobhulaiya-2 in ABESIT auditorium. Students enjoyed a lot. All the children were given chocolates and some valuable gifts as a token of love.

Step Up School joyously celebrated its **third annual day** on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, highlighting the theme "**Dharohar: The Indian Legacy.**" The event was graced by the presence of the esteemed Chief Guest, Mrs. Anju Jain, a renowned Poet and Writer. The evening was a splendid mosaic of diverse performances, intricately woven around the theme. Our students showcased their talents through vibrant dance routines accompanied by colorful props. The audience was captivated by a beautifully choreographed dance drama, showcasing the rich essence of the Indian legacy. The amalgamation of

both Western and Folk dances, synchronized with foot-tapping music, created a mesmerizing spectacle. The vibrant costumes and props added an extra flair to the festive occasion, leaving a lasting impact on all who attended. Mrs. Anju Jain shared inspirational words, emphasizing the school's focus on nurturing holistic development in young minds. She emphasized the role of education in shaping the future success of children and praised the platform these events provide for students to showcase their talents. Wrapping up the evening, the Principal of Step Up School, Dr. Gunjita Kumar, delivered a heartfelt speech, imparting invaluable life lessons and guidance for both studies and life's endeavors.

**“Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone.” — Charles Schulz**

It was surely a Christmas to remember at Step Up School celebrated on December 23, 2022. The delightful celebration included children coming in red and white colour party dress, bringing their favourite food in the lunch, dancing, singing Christmas carols and sharing the merriment together. Teacher disguised as Santa clause went into classes for distributing sweets to the students.

**“Science is the process that takes us from confusion to understanding.” ----Brain Greene**

In support of this quote, On 7th February 2023, Step Up School, Ghaziabad, organised a science exhibition. A number of students from classes III to IX participated in the exhibition. The chief guests for this exhibition were Prof. (Dr.) Arpita Gupta, Dean (Academics) & HOD ECE Department, Dr. Avinash Sharma, Associate Professor CSE Department and Prof. (Dr.) S.K. Arya, Department of Applied Science & Humanities. The exhibition started at 12:00 p.m. and was open to all the students of the school. As the exhibition started, various students presented their projects-models of electronic cars, fire truck, solar power energy, space satellites, hydroelectric generators, AC and DC motors, and mini robots etc. Working models as well as 3D models were built by the students and their functions were explained confidently. The Principal Ma'am and the Advisor Sir, along with the guests, went around looking at the different models designed by the students and assessed the descriptions given by the students. Apart from models, some of the students also organized visual presentations to help everyone understand the concepts of their working models. Prof. (Dr.) Arpita Gupta gave a speech on the importance of the contributions of the young generations to the field of science and technology. Everyone who participated in the exhibition was given appreciation for their excellent efforts. The exhibition ended with the Principal Ma'am Dr. Gunjita Kumar delivering a speech extending her gratitude to the jury of guest and congratulating all the students who participated in the exhibition.

**“There are a few things certain in life – one is death, second is change and the other is waste.”**

No one can stop these things from taking place in our lives. But with better management we can prepare ourselves to treat them effectively. In support of this spirit our school organized an E-waste collection drive from 6th – 17th February, 2023 in the school campus, with an initiative of non-profitable organizations **KARO SAMBHAV** and Inner Wheel Club, who have further collected it to dispose and recycle it as per the standard norms. The main purpose of this program was to create awareness among the students regarding proper management of e –waste and its benefits. Everyone who participated in this collection drive was given certificates by the organization for his appreciable efforts.

Step Up School celebrated the 74th **Republic Day** at the school grounds on January 25, 2022. The students took pride in glorifying and celebrating the spirit of unity and brotherhood. The event began with the hoisting of the Indian National Flag by Advisor Sir Mr. Praveen Yadav followed by the National Anthem. The students of 4 houses – juniors and seniors, marched rhythmically to the patriotic tunes. The school echoed with patriotic fervour as the children danced to the tunes of patriotism, enacted skits, sang patriotic songs, and even wore tri-coloured clothes. The principal ma'am Dr. Gunjita Kumar in her addressing highlighted the significance of the day, and made children aware that the future of the country lies in their hands. Hence, they need to study well and inculcate good values in their life, which will help them to be a good citizen and a patrioteer of the country.

During our busy life, maintaining good health is the most important thing. Physical activity or exercise can improve our health and reduce the risk of developing several diseases. Most importantly, regular activity can improve our quality of life. Sports and games are not only for physical activities, it also helps to boost the confidence of a person, manage their competitiveness, and learn to accept losing a game. In preference to this Step-Up School is in deep thought to take efforts to help our children to be healthy through doing some physical activities at home. To attain this, the Primary Division held **Sports Day** on 24 February 2023. It was a day of fun and enthusiasm. Balls and rings adorned the playground lending an aura of excitement. Before we start our day, it was time to light the flame which ignites the passion of the sporting spirit. So, our sports teacher enlighten the flame. Then, we started our program with our participants as they participated in different types of races like Honey Bee Race, Rabbit and Carrot Race, Duck Race, Relay Race and many more. Students were very excited and enthusiastic, even the audience was cheering for them. The countenance was filled with unparalleled exuberance and ebullience when students exhibited various performances and cheer leaders with their innumerable hues added on to the oomph. We conclude with the famous saying, **“Winners win, winners lose, but winners play”**

The advent of spring, the abundance of colourful flowers and butterflies, shower of flower petals, organic colours and pichkaaris. It was the time to celebrate the festival of **‘Holi’** on March 3, 2023. Tiny Tots of Step Up School Pre- Primary block celebrated Holi with fervour. Kids hugged and sprinkled colour on each other with gaiety. Kids came in Traditional attire to make most of the festival of colour. Little one used organic colours and pichkaaris to colour their counterparts. It was indeed a great experience for everyone as Holi signifies coming together of different communities and celebration of universal brotherhood. Tiny Tots were also served sweets and chocolates and took back home the loving memories of this festival.

## **LIFE @ STEP UP**

**Experiential learning** is an engaged learning process whereby students “learn by doing” and by reflecting on the experience. Learning that is considered “experiential” contain all the following elements: Reflection, critical analysis and synthesis. With the help of experiential learning students are able to connect theories and knowledge learned in the classroom to real-world situations. Moreover, it encourages the student to have first-hand experiences with the materials, rather than learning through someone else’s experiences in textbook or lecture. Every Stepian got ample opportunities to showcase and reflect what they had learnt during regular classes.

**Brain Teaser-** In this, kids learn brain training to exercise core cognitive skills. The brain uses the core cognitive skills to think, learn, read, remember reason, pay attention, and solve problems. Regular brain teaser sessions are scheduled for students of Grade I-III which help to improve ability to learn, problem solving skills, and memory as they use specific neural networks. These exercises also help in making great coordination between left and right-side brain of the kids.

In Brain Teaser classes, we also teach how to develop optimism as Positive Thinking leads to enhanced creativity, staying focused, problem-solving skills and overall mental productivity.

**TELL ME AND I MAY FORGET**

**TEACH ME AND I MAY REMEMBER**

**INVOLVE ME AND I UNDERSTAND.**

**Project-based learning** is an instructional approach designed to give students the opportunity to develop knowledge and skills through engaging projects set around challenges and problems they may face in the real world. By bringing real-life context and technology to the curriculum through a PBL approach, students are encouraged to become independent workers, critical thinkers, and lifelong

learners.

**Motor development** means the physical growth and strengthening of a child's bones, muscles and ability to move and touch his/her surroundings. A child's motor development falls into two categories: Fine Motor and Gross Motor. Fine motor skills refer to small movements in the hands, wrists, fingers, feet, toes, lips and tongue. Gross motor skills involve motor development of muscles that enable babies to hold up their heads, sit and crawl, and eventually walk, run, jump and skip. At Step Up School, the main focus of Preprimary Wing is to develop these Motor skills in our students through various activities and hence strengthening the bones and muscles of the above-mentioned body parts that ultimately helps in good handwriting, enhanced eye- hand coordination, better sitting, standing and walking posture etc.

**Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented reality (AR)** provide a completely new way to engage with students and can increase their retention of information. So, keeping in mind Step Up School has introduced AR and VR to the students.

Understanding the revolution in technology and education, **Coding** for Grade IV-VII and **Artificial Intelligence** for Grade VIII-X were introduced as a part of curriculum. Coding and AI for students not only helps improve their mathematics, writing and communication skills but also give them valuable skills in life and promotes creativity.

**Olympiad exams** are all about bringing the best out of children. These are national and international competitions that prove beneficial in the long run. Some of the prominent benefits include problem-solving ability, analytical thinking and testing students' aptitude. Keeping this in consideration, regular Olympiad classes were organized for the students to provide them the clarity of concepts, to encourage self-learning and to boost their confidence.

Step Up School believes everyone is a genius and, if given the opportunity, "everyone's genius can shine." That's what we hope to help students through "Pure Genius Lab". Math & Science is everything around us if we think creatively about it. "So many kids don't think they can do math/science because they don't have a kit. We opened **Pure Genius Lab** for grade 1 to 5, because Step Up School want kids to have these learning opportunities with some learning tools to understand the concept through activities."

Motor development involves physical activities, and a child's brain is a big part of it. It takes the brain and the body's muscles to allow these skills to develop, connect and build with all other parts of a child's development – language, socio-emotional, and behavioral. **Happiness Lab** at Step Up School is designed in order to support the development of these skills in a child. The lab has array of equipments, tools and games that are vital for the Fine and Gross motor development in our little ones.

With the aim to discover the value of unity and to develop social skills, various **clubs** have been set up by the school. School clubs create small communities. Club activities help students develop sense of unity and teamwork, learning how to work with others in reaching the same goals. Clubs enable students to meet, mix, and collaborate with other students from different backgrounds in a different environment. They are pushed outside of their comfort zone and encouraged to socialise with people they are not very familiar with. The various clubs included are: **Eco Club, Food and Nutrition Club, Science Club, Literary Club and Community Service Club.**

**Public speaking** gives students a stage to turn into orators, allowing them to influence and inspire others with the power of persuasion. It improves overall communication, enhances social skills, enables students to cope up better with the society and function in day-to-day life. Step Up School has a Public Speaking classes incorporated in its curriculum to improve Student's confidence, body language on



stage, oratory skills, presentation etc. At Step Up School, we continuously work on enhancing the Public Speaking skills in our students of Grades Nursery to V.

Step Up School is known for complete development of the child. We not only emphasise on academics but also on the **co-curricular activities** like dance, music, art and craft. Our meritorious students are working on sculptures, lippan art and clay modelling. At the same time, they are getting valuable knowledge of different Raags, theory of music and how to write notation. We do have a wonderful school band and students are learning both acoustic and electronic instruments. When it comes to dance, our children are getting opportunity to learn different dance forms and style like Zumba, classical, folk and freestyle.

It is imperative for schools to have the latest and high-quality **Science lab** these days. In order to understand its concept of science, one has to look beyond the books and conventional classroom teaching. Effective teaching and learning of science involve seeing, handling and manipulating real objects and materials. Step Up school combine classroom teaching with laboratory experiments to ensure that their students grasp each and every concept thoroughly. Children are able to retain the knowledge for longer when they see the experiments being performed in front of their eyes. Science lab equipment allow students to interact directly with the data gathered. They get a first-hand learning experience by performing various experiments on their own.

**Value based morning assemblies** are a regular feature of each day at step up school. School Assemblies provide ample opportunities for all our students to come forth with self-courage and express their abilities of public speaking, reading, thought sharing etc. Cultural activities include celebration of different national and religious festivals like Diwali, Dusshera, Basant Panchami, Guru Nanak Jayanti, Christmas, and so on that made every child aware of our rich cultural heritage. All the festivals were celebrated with great zeal and enthusiasm which included an array of activities for our Stepians.

**" Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." - William Butler Yeats".**

We believe in equipping teachers to prepare the students for the future and to update their knowledge. So, the school arranges many webinars and workshops every year and in 2023 it was in virtual mode directed by CBSE and other agencies. Regular staff meetings are conducted to evaluate our quality of performance and plan for the future with more innovative methods of teaching and learning programs.

**Periodical assessments and evaluations** were carried out to track students' progress, and updates were consistently communicated to parents through Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTM). Teachers also organized subject enrichment activities in alignment with CBSE guidelines.

Just as everything evolves, so did this session. Reflection involves looking inward to envision a more promising future. Our list of achievements and milestones is extensive, but it doesn't conclude here. We are committed to exerting every effort to foster a community where every child, parent, and staff member experiences safety and value. Our goal is to create an environment where individuals can work, learn, live, and thrive without apprehension.

In a nutshell, we would like to quote to express our way forward:

**"Beyond the horizon where dreams take flight,  
Tomorrow's canvas awaits, bathed in soft light.  
Embrace the journey, for it is yours to write."**

