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Keystage 1 Bravehearts

K-I

Students had a delightful encounter with a baby peacock—an unforgettable moment of curiosity, joy, and connection with nature's beauty.



Wearing balloon headgear all day without popping it! Through this fun experience, they practiced gentleness, patience, awareness, self-control and responsibility.

Keystage 1 Bravehearts

K-2

little patriots celebrated
Independence Day with
pride and enthusiasm,
coming together to honor
our nation's freedom with
songs, smiles, and unity



Curious learners explored
hygiene and responsibility,
learning cleanliness and good
habits in shared public
spaces.

Keystage 1 Bravehearts

GRADE-I

Joyfully crafted the national flag, expressing creativity and patriotism while learning the true spirit of Independence Day through hands-on celebration.



The water cycle unit helped students understand the foundation of human life. It is also a catalyst to inspire curiosity in young students.

Keystage 1 Bravehearts

GRADE-2

Experiencing the reality of
our surrounding! -
Stepping into the shoes of
others to build Empathy!



As Grade 2 begin their school
tour unit, Grade 12 buddies
stepped in to give a guided
tour and helped their younger
buddies understand how to
give one themselves

Keystage 2 Fighters

GRADE 3

Our students measured food waste, learning mindful eating habits and importance of reducing waste to protect our planet.



An inspiring session with Colonel Abhay Singh and Commander Mukul Rathi, whose stories of courage and leadership deeply motivated our students.

Keystage 2 Fighters

GRADE 4

Grade 4 has embraced sustainability as their surplus, making mindful choices in daily life. This photo reflects the positive impact they are creating together.



Book Reads help build reading habits and promote discussion and development of opinions on literature and art. This was a hook to a book read

Keystage 2 Fighters

GRADE 5

Well spring sessions are about increasing general knowledge about the world and learning outside of just academics. It also emphasises on important values and skills as a human being



Fractions stood out to the class because they help you understand how to share and be fair. A fraction simply means dividing something into equal parts.

Keystage 2 Fighters

GRADE 6

Nature walks build understanding of the environment around us and help build respect for the place we learn



This expert interview for citizenship helped students get a professional and real world insight into world issues. In grade 6's case, the SDG goal of reduced inequalities

Keystage 2 Fighters

GRADE 7

MUN Orientation By Deepa
Ma'am and older buddies to
help newer MUN
participants understand
the process more clearly



Learners explored simple
machines, discovering how
they ease work, build
problem-solving skills, and
connect science to life.

Travel Blogs

Malaysia: Beaches, Boats, and Breathtaking Views

Hi, I'm Rian, and I'm excited to share a quick travel blog about my journey to one of the most serene, beautiful, and culturally rich places in Southeast Asia—Malaysia. Whether you're an adventure seeker or someone who simply loves to relax and soak in nature's beauty, Malaysia has something for everyone.

We decided to skip Kuala Lumpur on this trip, as it's a bustling megacity with limited cultural immersion. But if shopping and iconic buildings are your thing, it's definitely worth a visit!

Our trip began in Ahmedabad. From there, we took a non-stop flight from Chennai to Penang—our first destination. After an overnight journey, we spent our first day settling into the Marriott Penang, a fantastic hotel with easy access to nearby attractions.

On day two, the weather was just right, so we walked a short distance to the cable car that leads to the world's longest suspended bridge—an absolute must-see. Just a heads-up: avoid this experience on rainy days, as you might get stuck at the top. There are plenty of restaurants nearby, so you won't go hungry!

Next, we headed to Escape Penang, an award-winning waterpark that holds four Guinness World Records. It's a great place for thrill-seekers of all ages and was definitely one of the highlights of our stay.

Over the following days, we explored George Town, the cultural heart of Penang. Known for its charming temples and bustling markets, George Town also features a vibrant Art Lane that's perfect for creatives and photographers alike.

A little travel tip: build in a few relaxing days at your hotel. Without some downtime, your trip could become exhausting instead of refreshing.

After four amazing days in Penang, we caught a 45-minute flight to Langkawi, a small island north of Penang, rich in culture and stunning natural beauty. We stayed at Berjaya Resort, just 30 minutes from the airport, nestled in lush greenery.

Langkawi is packed with adventure. On our first full day, we went ATV riding through scenic paddy fields—an exciting ride across rough terrain. Dinner at the on-site restaurant was good, but you might want to explore nearby spots for more authentic local cuisine.

The next day was all about water sports. We went jet skiing and also did an island-hopping tour, visiting untouched islands and learning about their history. We even spotted native eagles, which was such a unique experience. We booked this through Mega Water Sports, and I'd definitely recommend them.

Throughout our trip, we used the Grab app to get around—it's a reliable and more affordable alternative to hotel taxis. After a few more laid-back days enjoying hotel amenities like foosball and pool, it was time to head back. We flew directly from Langkawi to Bangalore and then returned to Ahmedabad.

This trip taught me the importance of adaptability and going with the flow. I hope you enjoyed reading about my journey!

Emma Kuruvilla
Grade 7

Travel Blogs

Kerala

During my summer break, I got the chance to visit my hometown in Kerala. It's a place that means a lot to me, and this trip was full of fun moments and new experiences.

One of the best parts was spending time with my cousins. We laughed, shared stories, and went on little adventures together. We went kayaking in the calm backwaters, picked ripe mangoes from the trees in my grandparents' backyard, and explored beautiful spots around the town that were totally worth the visit.

Alongside all the fun, I also learned a few new things. My mom taught me how to play chess, and by the end of the trip, I even managed to win a couple of games! I also helped out in the kitchen and picked up some cooking basics—chopping veggies, mixing spices, and adding those little finishing touches that bring a meal together.

One of the coolest parts of the trip was visiting a shrimp farm in Kumbalangi. The backwaters there glow electric blue when disturbed, thanks to the microorganisms in the water. Swimming in it was like being in a dream, with the glow tracing every movement I made.

At home, things stayed lively. I spent lots of time with my grandmother, learning how to make traditional dishes and bake all sorts of desserts. From mouth watering chocolate brownies to our traditional sweet, Kozhukkatta, the kitchen was always warm and inviting. We also stayed active as a family—doing yoga together, swimming, and playing outdoor games in my grandparents' green backyard.

All in all, those 30 days in Kerala were full of laughter, learning, and special memories. More than just a fun trip, it was a reminder of where I come from and how meaningful the small things in life can be. I came back home not only happy and refreshed, but also having learned a lot about patience, teamwork, and enjoying the moment.

Keystage 3 Guardians

GRADE 8

The surplus of Grade 8, bathrooms, is a mode to feel grateful for the bathrooms we have. The students visited a public washroom behind school and surveyed its users, gaining a deeper understanding on the outside world.



The identity curriculum provides a pathway for new adolescents (Grade 8 students) to discover their morals and beliefs. It also helps them uncover who they truly are

Keystage 3 Guardians

GRADE 9

Independence day
congloms help students
become even more aware
of the struggle that our
ancestors went through to
get us to where we are
today.



Student led sessions enable
agency in students to take
responsibility for their own
learning. Through this, they
learn how to manage their
own studies efficiently.

Keystage 3 Guardians

GRADE 10

Since this year was Grade 10's last science day, they got to experience being the leaders of their group and helping their younger buddies understand the concepts behind science day.



Build-up internships, a platform that brings together young minds and provides internships in various fields. A session with them opened up minds in the keystage.

Keystage 3 Guardians

GRADE II

Scanning the QR codes
across the school left by
the batch of 2025 as their
legacy and understanding
the relevance and values
behind those videos



Researching on the unsung
heroes of Indian
independence and sharing
it with others to increase
awareness about our
country

Keystage 3 Guardians

GRADE 12

Starting off the day with important class bonding time and improving our relationship as a class



Final discussion on culminating the ICan talk with Kiran maam. The ICan talk is about finding oneself. Every student in grade 12 went on this journey of learning who they want to be in the future

Science Day



Science Day more commonly known as Rishi Day is an occasion to celebrate curiosity, innovation, and the spirit of discovery. On this day, Grades 8, 9 and 10 come together to celebrate the memory of Rishi, an alumni who inspired so many students to pursue their curiosity. Science Day reminds us how science shapes our daily lives and inspires young minds to think creatively about solving real-world problems.

This year, my team proudly participated with our project—a talking plant equipped with a speaker and LCD display, designed to make the plant feel “alive” and interactive. The journey was not easy. We faced many challenges with coding, wiring, and design, but teamwork and determination helped us overcome every obstacle. Each member contributed their skills, from programming to assembling circuits, ensuring that the project truly reflected collaboration. The experience taught students the value of perseverance, problem-solving, and learning from mistakes. Winning first place at the exhibition was an unforgettable moment, proving that effort and unity always bring success. Science Day will always remain a milestone in our learning journey.

—Rakshith, Grade 9

Sustainability



During the month of July, the Sustainability Club focused on practical initiatives to promote environmental awareness and sustainable practices within our campus. One of our key activities was creating planters from recycled plastic and glass bottles. These planters, some have been placed in the campus, for a start, not only beautify our surroundings but also serve as a constant reminder of the importance of reusing and repurposing materials instead of discarding them.

The club has also been working on improving the functioning of the aaga (composting bin). To prevent overflow and ensure efficiency, members have been regularly stirring compost and monitoring the bin closely. We are also taking steps to make sure only appropriate food waste is added, encouraging everyone to be more mindful of waste segregation. Additionally, single use papers are being collected from KS3, people from KS3 are now aware about the collection box placed in the access room.

-Roosheen, Grade I2

College Fairs

The recent college fair at Riverside was a very helpful and exciting event for all the students. Many colleges were present, each offering a wide range of courses and opportunities. From the Arts to the Sciences, every corner of the University market in the UK was brought to the school. Students got the chance to interact with representatives, ask questions, and collect useful information. The Fair gave everyone a clearer idea about future options after high school and opened up possibilities they might not have thought about before. It was truly a valuable experience for all, with more to look forward to.



Counselling Sessions

This month marked an important step towards students' careers with the introduction of career counseling, namely by Beyond Mentor. Seamlessly integrated, the process began with a holistic assessment of each student, went onto an insightful meeting involving parents and continues to progress, aided by the efforts of Shrishti Ma'am. Thus far, students and parents have communicated their preferences and preliminarily gauged their standing post interactions with counsellors from Beyond Mentor. Hereafter, Shrishti Ma'am will remain a helpful contact as Beyond Mentor furthers its counselling.



Teacher's Visit

The leadership team from Riverside had spent two meaningful days in Bangalore, visiting three wonderful schools.

It was energising to walk through their spaces, see practices in action, and most importantly, engage in rich conversations with the leadership teams. We found ourselves reflecting on shared challenges, exchanging ideas, and learning from each other's journeys.

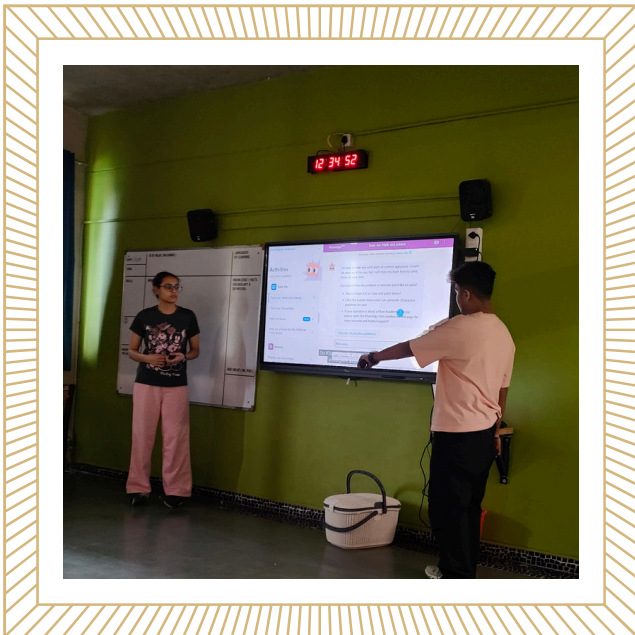
Encounters like these reaffirm the power of collective wisdom in shaping education that truly serves children.

-Deepa Avashia



AI Integration

Grade 8 used multiple AI tools in order to make learning easier and more fun, such as ChatGPT and Perplexity for research and help in finding information, as well as presentation-making tools like Gamma AI and beautiful.ai for efficient PPTs. Learning how to incorporate AI into studying and learning, is a valuable skill. Riverside is incorporating these tools into school life. This prepares us for the real world and upcoming future of it.



Achievements

A group of our students proudly represented The Riverside School at the Oxford MUN India 2025, hosted at Flames University, Pune.

Sanay Dhote participated in UNCOPUOS as Jordan, alongside Palash Devra (UNCSW - Türkiye), Siddhanth Raj (WHO - Algeria), Nandana Thakershy (SOCHUM - Malaysia), Shaurya Jagnani (DISEC - Colombia), and Advaya Joshi (UNESCO - Brazil).

Palash was awarded an Honourable Mention for his excellent performance at the conference.

"The conference offered us an invaluable experiences in debate, diplomacy, and networking. We, delegates, had the opportunity to enhance our global perspectives, meet new people and get a new experience all at the same time!"

-Sanay, Grade II

"The IIMUN conference this year was a great and memorable experience. I was a part of the AIPPM committee where my delegation was Smriti Irani. I was challenged to improvise, listen carefully and critically think. At first I was not very confident with presenting my ideas and thoughts but after a few committee sessions I became more expressive. I also made numerous new friends from schools around India. The IIMUN conference has enriched my communication and public speaking skills immensely. Overall my journey was filled with growth, learning and fun!"

-Tanishkaa, Grade 9



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