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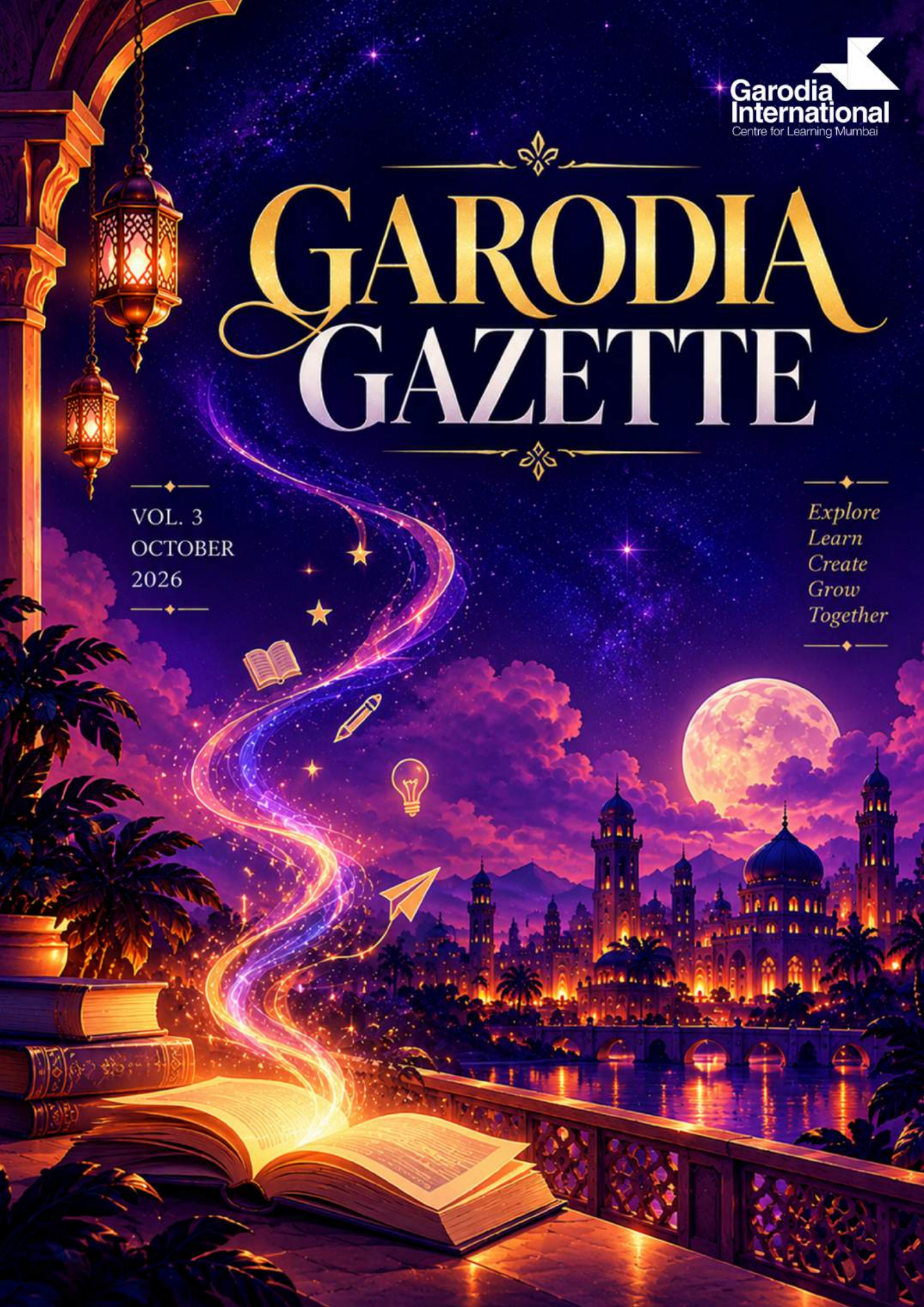

Our vision at GICLM is to inspire young people in a nurturing and dynamic learning environment

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EDITORIAL

EDITOR'S TAKE ON THE THEME:



Richa Jain
Grade 11

If school were just textbooks and timetables, life would be pretty monochrome. What turns our campus into a living, breathing community are the moments when we step out of the classroom and onto the floor- where rhythm takes over, stories unfold, and memories are made in real time.

This month, our school did not just host events; we brought the entire place to life.

It started with Navratri, a festival that is so much more than just an evening on the calendar. At its heart, Navratri celebrates the triumph of good over evil, inner divine strength, and the collective energy of a community coming together. It is a time when age and grade levels disappear- the moment the beats start, everyone from the early years to the senior teachers steps onto the floor. Armed with dandiya sticks and endless enthusiasm, we danced till our feet hurt, proving that tradition isn't just something we read in our history books; it is something we actively celebrate and live through.



Anjum Bhagwat
Grade 11

That festive pulse set the tone for one of our biggest dramatic spectacles of the year: our school's secondary musical, **Aladdin**.
If Dandiya was all about spontaneous celebration, Aladdin was a masterclass in creative storytelling. Transporting an entire audience to Agrabah wasn't just magic- it was sweat, laughter, and serious dedication. It was hours of vocal training early in the morning, props that left the artist covered in glitter, and the tech team trying out various lighting setups. Watching our friends transform into larger-than-life heroes, villains, and Genies reminded us of the ultimate power of theatre: it lets us step into someone else's shoes and make magic out of thin air.
So, why do performing arts matter so much in a school?
Because the stage teaches us things whiteboards never can. It teaches us how to laugh off a missed cue, how to support a friend through their mistakes, and how to find confidence when all eyes are on us. Whether you are twirling in a traditional chaniya cholis or belting out a solo under spotlight beams, performing arts gives us room to be bold, express who we are, and connect in ways that last far beyond school hours.
A huge shoutout to every student who danced, sang, acted, or worked behind the scenes, and to our incredible teachers, parents, and our fellow friends from the NGOs who cheered us on from the front row. You made this month unforgettable.
So keep dancing to your own beat, taking big leaps, and putting on a show!
Shubh Navratri & Happy Reading!



TEACHER'S CORNER

The Musical: The Soul of Our School



Ms Shraddha Rupavate

Every year, as the curtains rise and the first notes fill the auditorium, something extraordinary comes alive. Our school musical is far more than a performance; it is the very soul of our school, a celebration of imagination, collaboration and the limitless possibilities within our learners.

What makes this journey truly remarkable is how our students become **RISK-TAKERS** as they step into unfamiliar roles, **COMMUNICATORS** as they express stories through music and movement, **THINKERS** as they solve creative challenges, and **PRINCIPLED, CARING INDIVIDUALS** as they learn to trust, support and celebrate one another. They discover that achievement extends far beyond what they once imagined possible.

What makes our musical truly one of a kind is that it is an entirely in-house, student-driven endeavour. From costumes, singing and acting to lighting, props, artwork and countless behind-the-scenes details, our learners are involved at every stage, from conception to culmination. They are not merely participants in a production; they are its creators, collaborators and custodians. The ownership they develop is as powerful as the applause they receive.

As a teacher and the person entrusted with bringing this vision to life, I find the musical woven into the very fabric of who I am as an educator. It gives me the privilege of discovering extraordinary talents, sharing moments of uncertainty and triumph, and witnessing young people surpass their own expectations. Yet, this journey would be incomplete without my incredible team. Our art and music teachers are my strength, my creative companions and the heartbeat behind so much of what we achieve together.

Ultimately, the greatest magic of our musical lies not in the final bow, but in the transformation that precedes it. The stage may come down, but the confidence, friendships and courage our learners carry forward will continue to shine long after the curtains close.

Garodia Finlandway - Early Years

K2 Visit to the National Association for the Blind (NAB)

Our K2 children visited the National Association for the Blind, where they learnt how people with visual impairments read and access books. They were introduced to Braille, a system of raised dots that can be read through touch. The children saw how Braille books are printed and had the opportunity to touch and feel the raised dots on the pages.

They also visited an audio room, where they learnt how books are recorded and converted into audiobooks for people who are blind or have difficulty reading printed text. The visit helped children understand the different ways people read and learn, while encouraging curiosity, empathy and respect for individual differences.













Garodia Finlandway - Early Years

K2: Creating Our Own Advertisements

During their visit to the mall, the K2 children explored different advertisements and noticed how pictures, colours and words are used to attract people's attention. Back in class, they looked at the advertisements again and discussed what caught their eye. Working in small groups, the children then chose their own products and created advertisements to promote them. They shared their ideas with their friends and spoke about what made their products special.

This experience helped the children develop their observation, creativity, teamwork and communication skills while understanding how advertisements help people learn about different products









Garodia Finlandway - Early Years

A Visit to the Dentist!

Our K1 children excitedly set off for a visit to the dentist. The learning began along the way, as they spotted familiar places such as their homes, favourite restaurants, supermarkets, banks, cafés and pharmacies. They also turned into little sign detectives, looking out for traffic signs like No Parking and One Way, along with the symbols for pharmacies and hospitals.

When they reached the clinic, the children proudly recognised the tooth sign and knew they had arrived! The dentist introduced them to the “magic chair” and showed them some of the tools used during a dental visit. The children returned to school with their special toothbrush takeaways and lots of new observations to share!

It was a lovely opportunity to learn about a community helper, discover more about dental care and make connections with the world around them









Garodia Finlandway - Early Years

K1 Science: Water Reveals Hidden Symbols

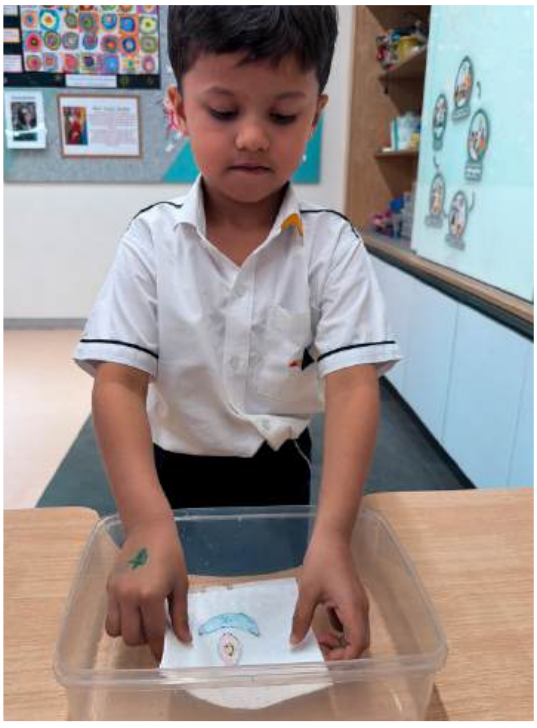
Our little K1 scientists explored water absorption through a fun, hands-on experiment. We began by talking about how raincoats and umbrellas protect us from the rain, and why some materials get wet while others keep us dry.

The excitement grew as the children watched water being absorbed by paper, slowly revealing hidden symbols of Maa Durga, including the Trishul, Shankh, Pradeep (lamp) and Third Eye. The children were curious to see the pictures appear and discovered how water can change the appearance of certain materials.









Garodia Finlandway - Early Years

OurNursery Explorers at Freshpik Supermarket

Our Nursery children set off on an exciting visit to Freshpik as part of their inquiry into “What happens in a marketplace?” The discoveries began on the bus, as they spotted flyovers, trains and traffic signals along the way!

At the supermarket, they explored different sections, from dairy and bakery to fruits, vegetables, pulses and legumes. They also observed how shopping works, watching the cashier scan barcodes, collect payments and pack groceries.

The highlight was making guacamole at the live counter! The children selected avocados and watched as they were scooped, mashed and mixed with fresh ingredients. Along the way, they learnt new words such as scoop, mash, squeeze and sprinkle. Back at school, they enjoyed their freshly made guacamole with chips and avocado on toast with lunch.









Garodia Finlandway - Early Years

Building Our City

We began with circle time, where the children shared their home layouts and spoke about the different rooms, balconies and terraces in their homes. It was lovely to hear them share details about the places they know so well!

Next, the children worked together to build their own city. Using large cardboard sheets and paper, they created roads, adding straight lines along the sides and dashed lines in the middle, just like the roads they see around them. They then placed their house drawings along the roads, deciding where each home would go and who their neighbours would be. As they arranged the houses, they used words such as next to, in front of and opposite to describe their locations.

Soon, our little city was ready for some traffic! The children drove toy cars along the roads, explored traffic signs and discussed how traffic lights and road signs help keep everyone safe.

Through this project, the children learnt about homes, neighbourhoods and road safety while developing spatial awareness, decision-making and teamwork skills. It was wonderful to see their ideas









PRIMARY

It has been a wonderfully busy and exciting time in Primary, with our students embracing opportunities to learn, perform, connect and celebrate together.

Our Primary Sports Day displays were a fantastic showcase of the many skills and talents our students have developed. From the energy and precision of dance, martial arts and gymnastics to the teamwork of basketball and cheerleading, our students performed with confidence, enthusiasm and pride. It was wonderful to see them supporting one another and celebrating each other's achievements.

Building strong connections with our families continues to be an important part of Primary life, and our Parent Coffee Mornings have provided a lovely opportunity for parents and staff to come together, share ideas and build community. These informal gatherings have been a great way to connect beyond the classroom and strengthen our home–school partnership.

Our Dandiya Dance Night was another memorable celebration, bringing the Primary community together for an evening filled with vibrant colours, amazing costumes and plenty of impressive dance moves! The enthusiasm and joy on display made it a truly special occasion.

Our Grade 5 students also had the opportunity to attend the Little Festival, a wonderful celebration of literature. The trip gave students the chance to engage with books, authors and the wider world of literature, encouraging them to see reading as something that extends far beyond the classroom.

We are also incredibly proud of Viaan Joshi and Vihan Das, who represented Primary in the inter-school 'Rhapsody' singing competition. Their confidence, commitment and passion for music were wonderful to see as they represented our school.

Across all of these events, it has been fantastic to see our Primary students demonstrating confidence, creativity, collaboration and a willingness to step outside their comfort zones. These experiences are an important part of what makes Primary life so vibrant, memorable and meaningful.







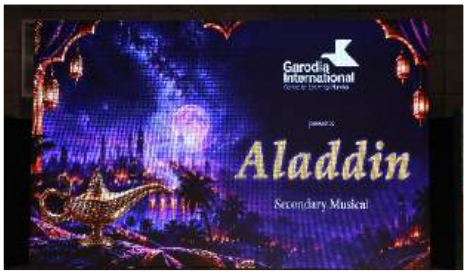


SECONDARY AND IBDP

The secondary section update for October is all about the Annual Musical which takes the entire section by storm.
23rd October 2026 was the day when the curtains rose and the first notes of magic filled the air, an extraordinary adventure began!

GICLM's spectacular production of Aladdin transported the audience to a world of flying carpets, dazzling wonders, unforgettable characters and dreams that dared to soar. With breathtaking performances, vibrant music and spellbinding energy, the stage became a whole new world where imagination knew no bounds and magic truly came alive!









SECONDARY AND IBDP

Annual Musical

On 23 October, the staged production of Aladdin, and the show engrossed the audience throughout. The cast as a whole has outdone themselves in acting, dialogue delivery, singing for the show, and the gamut of facial expressions shifting naturally with the scenes and the interactions between every performer on stage. Even in the bigger numbers, the energy stayed controlled and kept the story clear.

What makes the experience unique at GICLM is our commitment to opening our doors and sharing the magic of the arts with the wider community. For the first round, we were deeply moved to welcome children from a local musical NGO, whose wide eyes and radiant smiles reminded everyone in the room that the true power of music lies in its ability to bring pure joy, connect hearts, and unite us all.

Kudos to the team behind the scenes. Musical Director, our very dear Shraddha Ma'am, and the music team of Jeffy Sir and Jabastin Sir and the drama training by Ms Sharayu made this dazzling event spectacular. The Art department under the aegis of Vishal Sir left no stone unturned to bring Agraba and all the mis-en-scene to life. The handmade props added a lot to that effect. Everything from the market stalls in the bazaar to the piles of gold in the cave looked meticulously made and glistened under the lghts. The sets and smaller details helped the stage feel like a real place.

And so, as the curtains fall on this extraordinary adventure, our heartfelt gratitude goes to Nishant Garodia Sir and Ian Sir for their wholehearted support to creative pursuits and the SLT school members for keeping the ship sailing in crazy scheduels, our dedicated teachers, and especially our wonderful parents, whose unwavering support ensured that every rehearsal brought us closer to perfection. But the biggest applause belongs to our students, who made this show unbelievably, unrealistically, surreally magical! Until next year, Shraddha Ma’am, we can’t wait to embark on yet another spellbinding journey with you!





SECONDARY AND IBDP

Annual Musical













GARODIA SNIPPETS

GICLM Dandiya Evening… The annual buzz event was as successful and more than every year. As always, parents, learners, friends, and family flocked to GICLM for the very familiar experience of vibrant energy of dance, colours, laughter, and smiles. What an absolute whirlwind of energy, color, and pure joy! Our Garba evening was nothing short of magical, filled with non-stop dancing, infectious laughter, and an electric atmosphere that kept everyone on their feet until the very last beat.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our incredible decoration team; the venue looked absolutely stunning with vibrant drapes and brilliant lighting that set the perfect festive mood. The music was the heartbeat of the night, spinning an irresistible mix of traditional beats and high-energy tracks that kept the energy level at an all-time high.

Huge congratulations to all our award winners, who blew us away with their unmatched enthusiasm, graceful steps, and stunning traditional outfits! We are deeply grateful to everyone who brought their spirit to the dance floor and made this a night of beautiful memories we will





GARODIA SNIPPETS

A Spooktacular Halloween Celebration!

Our school came alive with spooky excitement, creativity and laughter as Halloween was celebrated with great enthusiasm across EY, Primary, Secondary and IBDP. A festival that originated from ancient traditions and is now celebrated in many parts of the world, Halloween is associated with costumes, pumpkins, spooky stories and the playful spirit of trick-or-treating. It is a time when imagination takes centre stage and everyone gets to embrace a little bit of spooky fun!

The celebrations unfolded in a vibrant display of costumes, with students and teachers wholeheartedly joining in the spirit of the occasion. From witches, ghosts and vampires to superheroes, fantastical characters and creative interpretations of Halloween favourites, the school corridors became a colourful parade of imagination. Each costume reflected individuality, creativity and a wonderful sense of fun.

Beyond the dress-up, Halloween offered an opportunity to explore cultural traditions from around the world, appreciate different ways of celebrating, and come together as one joyful school community. Across all age groups, the excitement was infectious, and the smiles were endless. It was truly a memorable celebration filled with laughter, creativity and togetherness, proving that a little spooky magic can bring everyone closer!









ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Ms Riyansha Koradia

My Journey at Garodia International during Grades 11 and 12 played an important role in shaping both my personality and future aspirations. Through the IB Diploma Programme, I developed independent thinking, research skills, and the ability to manage time and handle challenges. Experiences such as hosting school events, serving as sports captain, participating in IB projects, and winning an advertisement competition helped me build confidence, strengthen my leadership skills, and discover my interest in marketing. Garodia encouraged me to step outside my comfort zone, work collaboratively, and take greater ownership of my learning. Today, as I pursue Business and Management at the University of Liverpool Bengaluru, I am building on these foundations by adapting to university life, forming new connections, and deepening my understanding of business. I remain grateful for the experiences at Garodia that continue to guide my growth.

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