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## Summer Sports Camp 2025: Cultivating Champions, On and Off the Field



Modern School, Barakhamba Road, hosted an action-packed Summer Sports Camp from 19th May to 31st May 2025, inviting students to immerse themselves in athletic discipline, camaraderie, and personal growth. The camp, an annual fixture in our sporting calendar, was a dynamic blend of structured training, physical fitness, and character-building, catering to a wide range of interests and abilities.

This year, the camp offered expert training in Badminton, Basketball, Cricket, Football, Hockey, Gymnastics, Horse Riding, Tennis, Swimming, and Table Tennis. The sessions were conducted under the expert guidance of our seasoned coaches, all of whom brought a wealth of experience and a passion for nurturing young talent. A total of 120 enthusiastic students took part in the camp, demonstrating tremendous spirit, discipline, and determination.

The focus of the training extended far beyond perfecting a serve or scoring a goal. Students were systematically introduced to the technical intricacies of each sport, while also being sensitised to the core values of sportsmanship—self-esteem, discipline, integrity, resilience, and unity. Emphasis was laid on team cohesion and mutual respect, qualities that translate as powerfully off the field as on it.

A notable highlight was the Horse Riding and Swimming modules, which began along with other disciplines but were extended until 16th June 2025, allowing for deeper engagement and skill refinement in these specialised areas.

## Extra Practice Camp: Honing Skills, Building Futures

In continuation of our commitment to sporting excellence, an Extra Practice Camp was also organised during the summer vacation. This specially curated camp was designed for students preparing for competitive tournaments, especially the forthcoming IPSC events, and offered focused, high-intensity training in select sports.

The Extra Practice Camp included:

- Football (Girls) | 11th June to 21st June 2025

Our talented female footballers trained intensively, working on tactical awareness, fitness, and team synergy under the expert guidance of our football faculty.

- Hockey | 13th June to 23rd June 2025

With a strong legacy in this sport, the camp offered advanced drills, match-play simulations, and strategic play-building techniques to prepare students for competitive matches.

- Chess | 22nd June to 28th June 2025

The camp encouraged strategic thinking and mental agility, as students engaged in timed matches and tactical training under experienced mentors.

Each of these sessions was tailored to push individual boundaries while strengthening team performance. The camp provided a structured and productive environment where budding athletes could refine their techniques, enhance their confidence, and gain the mental edge required to compete at higher levels.



## A Summer of Growth and Grit

The Summer Sports and Extra Practice Camps exemplified the school's belief in holistic education—where the playing field becomes a classroom and every session is a lesson in perseverance, leadership, and collaboration. As the students return from their summer break, they carry with them not just improved physical abilities, but also a stronger sense of identity, commitment, and purpose—qualities that will serve them well in every arena of life.



## Inauguration of Pickleball Court at the Happiness Area



The newly set-up Pickleball Court in the Happiness Area, was officially inaugurated by the Principal, Dr Vijay Datta, amidst an atmosphere of excitement and energy.

The court, a vibrant addition to the school's recreational space, marks another step towards promoting student well-being through joyful and inclusive physical activity. In a delightful gesture that brought much cheer, Dr Datta joined the students for a lively match of pickleball, showcasing both skill and camaraderie. The friendly game was met with enthusiastic cheers, turning the inaugural event into a celebration of sport and spirit.

The Pickleball Court is not just a new facility—it is a symbol of the school's commitment to holistic education, where happiness, health, and harmony find a joyful intersection.

# Evacuation Drill

The Department of Special Education organized an Evacuation Drill in the Middle Wing for Children with Special Needs on April 30th, 2025 to familiarize them with the emergency exits in case of an emergency like Earthquake or Fire. The drill aimed at reducing anxiety in a real-life situation, and test the effectiveness of current evacuation plans tailored for students with physical, cognitive, sensory, or emotional needs. The special educators educated the students about the Dos and Don'ts in case of earthquake and fire outbreak in the school. Students were briefed using visual aids, social stories, and verbal instructions appropriate to their comprehension levels. On the sound of the alarm, students were guided to maintain calm. The students evacuated in an orderly manner through accessible exits with help and gathered at the designated safe zone, where attendance was taken. The emergency evacuation drill was successfully conducted and met its objective of preparing children with special needs for real-life emergencies.

## Creative Corner

### It's Just a Game

"It's just a game"  
They like to say.  
How'd they know  
It's not something I like to just play.

"It's just a game"  
"It's ruining you"  
Well if you'd played  
You'd feel the way I do.

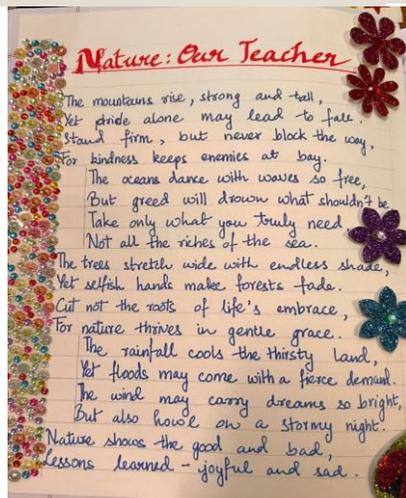
"It's just a game"  
"A ball filled with air"  
If only they knew  
It saves me of despair.

"It's just a game"  
"You're just another player"  
In my eyes  
It's a form of prayer

When I kick that ball,  
When I walk the grass.  
In a peaceful world I fall,  
Woken up by the shout, "Pass!"

That ball, those boots and the ground,  
Some think the game's a path to fame.  
This is what my life revolves around,  
And this is why, I love the beautiful game.

-Viraj Nijhawan, Class 9A



### Nature: Our Teacher

The mountains rise, strong and tall, yet pride alone may lead to fall. stand firm, but never block the way, for kindness keeps enemies at bay.

The oceans dance with waves so free,

But greed will drown what shouldn't be Take any what you truly need

Not all the riches of the sea.

The trees stretch wide with endless shade,

Yet selfish hands make forests fade.

Cut not the roots of life's embrace,

For nature thrives in gentle grace.

The rainfall cools the thirsty land,

Yet floods may come with a fierce demand.

The wind may carry dreams so bright,

But also howl on a stormy night.

Nature shows the good and bad, lessons learned - joyful and sad.

- Ahana Ray, Class 7C



"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts."

— Winston Churchill