‘PRINCIPALLY YOURS’

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BAI AVABAI FRAMJI PETIT GIRLS’ HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

September has been a month that brought good tidings for the school-in the form of awards and recognition received. This is possible only because of a watchful and supportive Management, dedicated Teachers and Staff members, cooperative parents and diligent students.

As we celebrate these milestones, we reaffirm our commitment to creating an environment where every girl is encouraged to dream boldly, strive purposefully and pursue excellence in all her endeavours. At Bai Avabai Framji Petit Girls’ High School, success is not measured by accolades alone, but by the confidence to lead, the courage to persevere and the character to inspire. With pride in our achievements and faith in the promise of our young learners, we look forward to celebrating many more milestones in the journey ahead.

OUR SUCCESS STORY

Celebrating Excellence: A Triumph Beyond the Classroom

Bai Avabai Framji Petit Girls’ High School continues to scale new heights of excellence, celebrating a remarkable year of achievements across academics, sports and co-curricular pursuits. These accomplishments reflect the school’s commitment to holistic education, providing its students with opportunities to discover their potential, develop their talents and shine on prestigious platforms at the city, state, regional and national levels.

Adding to the school’s proud legacy of institutional excellence, Bai Avabai Framji Petit Girls’ High School was recognised among Maharashtra’s Top 5 Girls’ Schools at the *Maharashtra School Merit Awards 2026–27* by *EducationToday*, securing Rank No. 4 in both Mumbai and Maharashtra. Further strengthening this distinction, the school received recognition at the *Cfore School Excellence Awards 2026*, achieving Rank No. 4 in Mumbai and 11th rank nationally among India’s Best Day Girls’ Schools.













Our sporting achievers have brought immense pride to the school through their outstanding performances at the CISCE tournaments. Kaylyn Pereira represented Zone A in the Under-17 category at the CISCE Regional Basketball Tournament held at Christ Academy, Navi Mumbai, where she secured a Bronze Medal. In recognition of her potential, she was also selected as a standby for the national team—a significant milestone in her sporting journey.







In swimming, Pranaya Rohra delivered an exceptional performance across the CISCE competitions. At the first-round Zonal Swimming Championships, she won Gold Medals in the 100-metre and 200-metre Breaststroke events and a Silver Medal in the 50-metre Breaststroke. She continued her impressive medal-winning streak at the second-round Regional Championships, securing Gold in the 50-metre, Silver in the 200-metre and Bronze in the 100-metre Breaststroke events. Taking her success to the national stage, Pranaya won a Bronze Medal in the 50-metre Breaststroke at the CISCE Nationals and secured an admirable fourth place in the 200-metre Breaststroke. Her consistent performances across all three levels are a testament to her discipline, perseverance and commitment to excellence.

A moment of immense pride came at the CISCE Under-17 Hockey Nationals, where nine of our girls were selected to represent Maharashtra at the national tournament held in Ranchi, Jharkhand, from 9 to 12 September. Demonstrating remarkable skill, resilience and team spirit, the team secured an outstanding Second Place at the National Level. In a closely contested final, our girls narrowly missed the championship title, losing to Karnataka by just one goal. Their remarkable achievement highlights the power of teamwork, determination and sportsmanship, bringing great honour to the school and the state.







Excellence also found expression in the literary and performing arts, with Kyra Brindley and Taera Mistry making their mark at the ASISC competitions. Kyra excelled in Storytelling, while Taera showcased her oratorical abilities in Declamation. Both students successfully cleared the State and Regional levels, earning the opportunity to represent their school at the National Level on 10 October. Their achievement reflects their creativity, confidence, expressive abilities and dedication to their respective disciplines.

Each of these accomplishments tells a story of ambition nurtured, challenges overcome and potential realised. Whether in the arena of competitive sports or on platforms that celebrate language, literature and public expression, our students continue to embody the values of perseverance, courage, discipline and excellence. These successes would not be possible without the guidance of their mentors, the encouragement of their families and the constant support of the school community.

Teachers' Day



Every year, 5th September is celebrated as Teachers' Day across India to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, the second President of India, an eminent scholar and revered educationist. The day serves as a tribute to the invaluable contribution of teachers in shaping young minds and nurturing future generations.

At the Bai A. F. Petit Girls' High School, Teachers' Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and warmth. The programme was thoughtfully organised by the teachers and students of Std. X, who presented a vibrant and heartfelt tribute to express their profound gratitude and appreciation for the teachers and the staff of the school.





The programme commenced with a serene and graceful prayer dance, presented in the exquisite classical Indian dance forms of Kathak and Bharatanatyam. This was followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, which was performed by our Principal, Ms. Marfatia, Mrs. Marolia, Head of Accounts and Administration along with the Heads of the Pre-Primary, Primary and Skill Enhancement Department.

Adding an element of humour and reflection to the celebrations was a thought-provoking skit on Artificial Intelligence in education. The skit explored whether A.I. could serve as a supplementary teaching tool while emphasising that technology, despite its numerous capabilities, cannot completely replace the guidance, empathy, wisdom and personal connection offered by teachers.







The celebrations continued with a series of lively and captivating dance performances by students of Std. X. Their energetic presentations, set to a delightful blend of retro and contemporary music, were thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by the staff.








The highlight of the programme was the felicitation of every member of the school staff. As a gesture of heartfelt appreciation, each member was presented with a token of gratitude by the School Management, the students and the parents of Std. X. This thoughtful gesture beautifully reflected the respect and affection the school community holds for its teachers and staff.



The memorable celebration concluded on a joyous note with a sumptuous lunch hosted by the School Management. The event was a fitting tribute to the dedication and commitment of the teaching and non-teaching staff and served as a heartfelt reminder of the profound impact teachers have on the lives of their students.

Hindi Divas was celebrated on 11th September 2026 for students from Std. 5th to Std. 9th. Various competitions were organised to encourage students to develop their confidence, creativity and proficiency in the Hindi language. The competitions included Hindi Poem Recitation, Storytelling, Hindi Mono Act and Hindi Elocution.
All the students participated enthusiastically and showcased their talent and excellent communication skills.







The winners of the Hindi Divas Competitions are as follows -

Std 5	**Hindi Poem Recitation**		
Position	Name of the Student	Class	House
1st	Samara Serrao	V-B	Ava
2nd	Shanaya Indra	V-A	Petit
3rd	Krisha Hinduja	V-A	Spark
3rd	Sasha D'Souza	V-B	Orbit
Std 6	**Hindi Poem Recitation**		
Position	Name of the Student	Class	House
1st	Kyra Brindley	VI-A	Ava
2nd	Vihana Punamia	VI-A	Orbit
3rd	Dhyaana Rohera	VI-B	Petit
Consolation	Smeet Shiraskar	VI-B	Spark
Std 7	**Storytelling**		
Position	Name of the Student	Class	House
1st	Panaesha Ahuja	VII-B	Ava
2nd	Nysha Saxena	VII-A	Petit
3rd	Ayaana Jayakar	VII-A	Spark
Consolation	Myra Talwar	VII-A	Orbit
Std 8	**Hindi Mono Act**		
Position	Name of the Student	Class	House
1st	Aryaa Chatterjee	VIII-B	Ava
2nd	Kyra Shankar	VIII-A	Orbit
3rd	Samaira Kewalramani	VIII-B	Petit
Consolation	Navaz Degamwala	VIII-A	Spark
Std 9	**Hindi Elocution**		
Position	Name of the Student	Class	House
1st	Aashmi Panda	IX-B	Ava
1st	Shravani Miranda	IX-B	Orbit
2nd	Lakshita Agarwal	IX-B	Petit
3rd	Sarah Shaikh	IX-B	Spark

Congratulations to all the winners and participants for their enthusiastic participation and commendable performances!

OLL Organises Future Innovators' Workshop on Drone Flying and Aviation

Bai Avabai Framji Petit Girls' High School organised a Future Innovators' Workshop on Drone Flying and Aviation for the students of Stds. VI to VIII.

The workshop gave students an insight into the principles of drone functioning and the significance of the number of propellers in flight stability. The session was highly interactive, with students getting hands-on experience in operating a drone using a remote control. Several students enthusiastically participated in flying the drone, making the learning experience both informative and exciting.







A professional development session titled "Transforming Classrooms Through Experiential, Inquiry, Activity-Based and Blended Learning" was conducted by Mrs Smita Matai, offering educators valuable insights into innovative and learner-centred teaching practices. The session highlighted the importance of moving beyond traditional instructional approaches to create engaging learning experiences that encourage curiosity, critical thinking, collaboration and active participation. Through experiential and activity-based strategies, inquiry-driven exploration and the thoughtful integration of digital tools, teachers were encouraged to make learning more meaningful, interactive and relevant to students' lives. The session reinforced the need to create dynamic classrooms where students take ownership of their learning, construct knowledge through exploration and develop the skills necessary to thrive in an ever-evolving educational landscape.









INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE & WORLD GRATITUDE DAY

On 21st September 2026, students of Grades 1 to 6 came together to celebrate 'International Day of Peace and World Gratitude Day' with the meaningful theme **"Nature."** The celebration encouraged students to appreciate the gifts of nature and reflect on our shared responsibility to protect and care for our planet.

The programme commenced with a heartfelt presentation by our Grade 1 students. They performed a delightful skit, **"The Rainbow's Wish,"** followed by a cheerful rhyme. Their performance beautifully reminded us that simple actions like keeping our surroundings clean and reducing the use of plastic can make a significant difference.

Carrying forward the spirit of care and compassion, Grade 2 students presented the **"Kindness Song,"** showcasing how a small act of kindness can brighten lives and make the world a better place. This was followed by their skit "**Garden Play,"** which conveyed the importance of harmony and co-operation - just as every plant and flower in a garden has its own role and flourishes together, we, too, can live and work in peace and harmony to build a better future.

Students of Grades 3 and 4 ably took on the role of comperes for the day. With their thoughtful poetic introductions and graceful transitions, they wove the performances together seamlessly and added warmth and flow to the entire programme.

Adding grace and power to the celebration, the students of Grades 3 and 4 presented an expressive dance on **"Heal the World."** Through their movements, they shared a powerful message of love, compassion and care - reminding everyone that the world is a shared home which becomes better when we live with understanding.

Together, the performances brought alive the core values of peace, gratitude, kindness, harmony and care, reiterating that caring for nature and caring for one another are equally important steps towards a more peaceful world.

The programme concluded on a warm note as students of Grades 1 and 2 presented handmade **'Thank You'** cards to our Principal, Administrative Head and Section Heads as a token of heartfelt gratitude.

















M. R. PAI ELOCUTION COMPETITION - 2026

The school held the M. R. Pai Elocution Competition English Elocution Competition conducted by the Forum of Free Enterprise called for the year 2026, on the 30th September, 2026.
The topics were:

- IS SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTING OR ISOLATING THE YOUNGER GENERATION?
- HARD WORK vs. SMART WORK: WHAT LEADS TO SUCCESS?
- IMPORTANCE OF CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

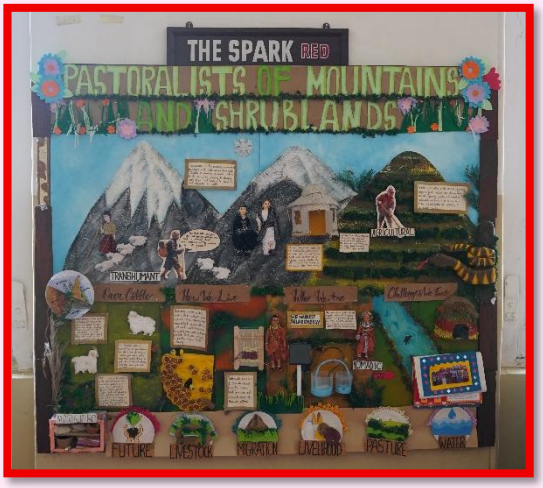
Students of Stds. 9 and 10 participated, and each student was to speak for 5 minutes.
We had esteemed judges Ms. Urvakshi Mehta and Mrs. Fawza Marolia, who judged the competition according to the parameters given by the Forum.
The winners of the Competition were:
I Place – Sarah Shaikh
II Place – Parmys Mahernosh
III Place – Anusha Arora

Each winner was awarded a Certificate along with a cash prize.
Sarah will move to the zonal selection round where the best seven speakers will be selected for the National Contest.





Inter – House Red Hall Boards' Competition









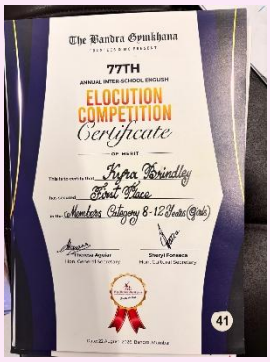
The school organised an engaging **Inter-House Boards' Competition** on the theme **"UN 2026: Pastoralists and Rangelands,"** providing students with an opportunity to explore the ecological significance of diverse landscapes and the livelihoods they sustain. The four houses were assigned different geographical regions—Temperate Grasslands, Deserts, Tundra, and Mountains and Shrublands—and were encouraged to present their topics through creative displays, informative content and innovative visual elements. The boards reflected the students' research, environmental awareness, artistic expression and collaborative spirit, highlighting the importance of sustainable rangeland management and the preservation of fragile ecosystems. After evaluating the entries for creativity, presentation, relevance and content, **Ava House and Spark House jointly secured First Place**, while **Orbit House and Petit House jointly secured Second Place**. The competition successfully blended geographical learning with environmental consciousness, inspiring students to appreciate the rich diversity of our planet and the need to protect its precious natural resources.

The Judges were amazed by the quality and standard of the work done by students., and applauded them richly.









Kyra Brindley Shines at the All Bandra Zonals

Kyra Brindley brought immense pride to the school with her outstanding achievements at the All Bandra Zonals, showcasing her versatility and talent in music and public speaking. She secured **First Place in the Vocals Competition** in the 8–12 years category and an impressive **Second Place in Vocal Duets** in the same age group. Demonstrating equal excellence in oratory, she won **First Place in the Elocution Contest** in the 8–12 years category. Adding a remarkable distinction to her achievements, Kyra was awarded the **St Andrews Parish Talent Contest Trophy for the highest aggregate in Elocution across all categories**, securing First Place. Her exceptional accomplishments reflect her confidence, dedication and multifaceted talent. We congratulate Kyra on this outstanding performance and wish her continued success in all her future endeavours.

Learning Differently: Travel Brochure - Africa

On Wednesday, 23rd September 2026, the Grade 5 students embarked on a creative journey through Africa as part of a hands-on English activity. Tasked with designing a travel brochure using A3 sheets, pictures, and artwork, the young learners explored either a specific country or various destinations across the continent.
The task required students to combine research with descriptive writing to create a complete travel guide:
Cover Page: Displaying an eye-catching title and an alluring slogan.
Main Sections: Highlighting major tourist attractions, cultural experiences, and traditional culinary delights.
Back Page: Outlining a day-by-day itinerary, holiday package options, promotional discounts, and custom travel agency details.
The classroom was filled with enthusiastic travel agents in the making, all showcasing fantastic artistic talent and clear, persuasive writing. This activity provided a wonderful opportunity for the students to refine their English presentation skills while gaining a deeper appreciation for African geography and culture.









Digital Dilemma

On September 16, 2026, we had the pleasure of welcoming in our midst Ms. Neelu Grover. Ms. Grover, a certified Educator with nearly 20 years of experience in the field, conducted a session on 'Digital Dilemma' for grades 5 and 6. Using her highly experiential and interactive approach, she enlightened our students about the potential harm of online games and trends and unrealistic expectations set up by social media platforms. She delved into the challenges faced by young users in making informed digital choices. She also sensitised students by providing them with the psychological causes and effects of different forms of digital abuse like body shaming, trolling, grooming, etc. The session helped empower and equip our students to better tackle the 'digital dilemma' they face in their day to day lives.







PRIMARY SECTION

Our young learners went on an exciting journey to explore the different rooms in a house! As part of their EVS project on "Shelter", the children learnt that every room in a house has a special purpose.







On 16th September 2026, the Primary Section of Bai Avabai Framji Petit Girls' High School celebrated Hindi Diwas with great enthusiasm, highlighting the cultural and unifying importance of the Hindi language. The event commenced with the lighting of the lamp by Principal Ms. Diana Marfatia and the Heads of Departments, accompanied by a melodious rendition of the Saraswati Vandana by the students. The celebration featured a vibrant cultural lineup, beginning with a Hindi play, followed by the song "Hindi Hamari Aan Hai," poems, couplets (dohas), and inspirational quotes from great leaders. The event concluded with a graceful dance performance set to the song "Hindi Bharat Maa Ki Bindi." Principal Ms. Marfatia commended the students for their wonderful performances and encouraged everyone to actively speak and adopt Hindi in their daily lives.








As part of our **SCIENCE** learning, the students of Std. 3 explored the wonderful world of plant products. Through a hands-on activity, they discovered how plants provide us with many useful products that are a part of our everyday lives.
The children explored products such as oils, medicines, tea, coffee, spices and fibres and learnt about the plants from which these products are obtained.




Strategic Minds in Motion: Celebrating Chess Day!

On 30th September, Bai Avabai Framji Petit Girls' High School celebrated International Chess Day with a meticulously planned and creatively presented event that brought the game of chess to life. The program opened with a warm welcome and an introduction to the rich history, evolution, and legacy of chess presented by students from Grades 5 and 6. Following this, Grade 6 students delivered an informative presentation covering the board setup, algebraic coordinates, and core fundamentals of gameplay.
Next, the young talent from Grades 2 to 6 brought energy and excitement to the stage by dressing up as various chess pieces, beautifully articulating each piece's movement, value, and role on the board.
Ms. Goolnawaz Kapadia, our Chess Coach enlightened everyone about how chess positively influences daily life, fostering critical thinking, patience, and strategic discipline. The event concluded with inspiring closing remarks from our Principal, Ms. Marfatia, who appreciated the efforts of all participants and highlighted the importance of sportsmanship and strategic learning. The celebration left everyone with a deeper appreciation for the game and the timeless skills it imparts.






A talk **on "Good Manners Everywhere"** was given by Ms Natasha Gomes on 22nd September 2026 to help children understand the importance of being polite, kind and respectful. The children learnt about the magic words -- "Please," "Thank you," "Sorry", "Excuse me" —and how to use them appropriately. They also learnt about practising good manners at school and at home, such as listening to others, waiting for their turn, helping others and keeping their surroundings clean. The talk encouraged the children to practise good manners everywhere and make kindness and respect a part of their everyday lives.





World Baking Day was celebrated on September 24, 2026 in our school. The students of grade 4 set the tone for the day by addressing the entire school through the public address system. They emphasised the significance, history and relevance of this day and highlighted how Baking is a celebration of the love and creativity we put into our food. The students of grades 3 and 4 then donned their baker hats and decorated cupcakes with frosting, fresh fruits and an assortment of their preferred toppings. The children's delight was evident in their cheerful and excited faces while devouring their sweet creations.








Shenoa D'souza of Std 4A won the first place in Dance Group below 10years in St Andrew's All Bandra Parish Talent Contest Zonals 2026.

Neysa Singh of Class 3A participated in the Silver Zone Olympiad and brought great pride to the school by securing a **Gold Medal in the Mathematics Olympiad**. She achieved an outstanding **Zonal Rank 1, State Rank 1, and Overall Rank 1**. Her remarkable achievement is a testament to her dedication, hard work, and academic excellence.



Myra Jaising of Std 4A has won the 3rd place in the Under 9 Girls Category in the chess competition named Elite Chess Championship - 5th Season, organized by N S Chess Academy under WCG, held at Willingdon Catholic Gymkhana on August 30, 2026.





Meharjan Kaur Chadha participated in the 2nd Kaivalya Inter-School Chess Tournament and won the second position in the Under-12 Girls category.



Amyra Mamniya – National Aerial Hammock Championship 2026
We are delighted to share that Amyra Mamniya of Std. 1-B participated in the 7th National Pole & Aerial Sports Championship 2026 in the 6–9 Years Amateur Aerial Hammock category.



Imara participated in the Maharashtra State Gymnastics Competition held in Pune on 11th September 2026 and secured Grade A. It was an event which saw approx. 500+ gymnasts competing across different levels/age groups.
She participated in Level 3 category and was one of the youngest girls in this category.

PRE-PRIMARY

Grandparents' Day

Children made colourful Grandparents' Day cards to share their love and warm wishes with their grandparents.



Playschool



Nursery



Lower KG - A



Lower KG -



Higher KG



Higher KG - B

The festive spirit began with the celebration of festivals. The children celebrated Janmashtmi and Ganesh Chaturthi through creative art and modak making activities

Janmashtmi

Janmashtami & Modak making were enjoyed by the students



Playschool



Nursery

Janmashtmi



Lower KG - A



Lower KG -



Higher KG - A



Higher KG - B

Ganesh Chaturthi-Modak making



Playschool



Nursery



Lower KG - A



Lower KG - B



Higher KG - A



Higher KG - B

Show & tell

Show and Tell helps children develop confidence, communication skills, vocabulary, and the ability to express their thoughts clearly.

Playschool & Nursery topic:

My favourite toy



Playschool



Nursery

Lower KG topic:

My favourite place in Mumbai



Lower KG - A



Lower KG - B

Higher KG topic: My favourite game



Higher KG - A



Higher KG - B

Ms. Diana Marfatia

Principal