

School Annual Report: Academic Year 2023-24

Awards and Recognition

The academic year 2023-2024 witnessed the school's exceptional achievements and recognition on various fronts. Through dedication, innovation, and commitment to excellence, the school community received several prestigious awards and accolades. These accolades not only underscore the school's commitment to academic and holistic development but also highlight the outstanding contributions of both the leadership and the entire school community. From pioneering advancements in pedagogy to exemplary leadership and recognition of individual excellence, these awards serve as a testament to the school's unwavering pursuit of excellence in education. In this report, we present a comprehensive overview of the awards received by the school, showcasing our achievements and contributions to the field of education during the academic year 2023-2024.

1. No. 1 in Emerging National Curriculum 2023-24

Award Given by: Times Education Survey, Times Of India

Recipient: Helios International School

Details: The rank was given by TOI based on survey done by them.

2. Academic Excellence 2023-24

Award Given by: Times Education Survey, Times Of India

Recipient: Helios International School

Details: The rank was given by TOI based on survey done by them.

3. Excellence in Adoption of Technology in Pedagogy

Award Given by: Eldrok India K12 Summit 2023

Recipient: Helios International School

Details: This award acknowledges our innovative approach to integrating technology into pedagogical practices, enhancing the learning experience and preparing students for the digital age.

4. Ranked No. 1 in Digital Learning Advancement

Award Given by: Education Today Award 2023

Recipient: Helios International School

Details: This recognition highlights our commitment to advancing digital learning initiatives, ensuring that students have access to cutting-edge educational resources and opportunities.

5. Principal of the Year

Award Given by: EduInspirer Award 2024 by GSLC Delhi

Recipient: Mrs. Divya Puri (Principal)

Details: Mrs. Divya Puri was honored with the Principal of the Year award for her exemplary leadership and transformative impact on the school community.



6. Principal of the Year

Award Given by: Principal of the Year 2024 by Universal Mentors Association

Recipient: Mrs. Divya Puri (Principal)

Details: This award recognizes the outstanding leadership and dedication of Mrs. Divya Puri, who has guided the school with vision and passion, driving excellence in education.

7. Best Principal of the Year

Award Given by: EdVishian Edu Achievement Award 2023

Recipient: Mrs. Divya Puri (Principal)

Details: Mrs. Divya Puri was honored with the Best Principal of the Year award in recognition of her exceptional leadership and dedication to promoting academic excellence and student welfare.

8. Skill Ambassador

Award Given by: Skill Bharat Samman 2023

Recipient: Mrs. Divya Puri (Principal)

Details: Mrs. Divya Puri was recognized as a Skill Ambassador for her contributions to skill development initiatives and her efforts to foster innovation and creativity among students.

9. Exemplary Leadership, Innovative Thinking, and Commitment to Excellence in Education

Award Given by: Women in Leadership Excellence Award 2023

Recipient: Mrs. Divya Puri (Principal)

Details: Mrs. Divya Puri was honored with the Women in Leadership Excellence Award for her visionary leadership, innovative thinking, and unwavering commitment to excellence in education.

10. Lifetime Achievement Award

Award Given by: Brain World 17th Education Conclave 2024

Recipient: Mrs. Lily B Patel (CEO)

Details: Mrs. Lily B Patel was bestowed with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award at the Brain World 17th Education Conclave, in recognition of her remarkable contributions and enduring impact in the field of education.



Celebrations and Observances

Throughout the year, our school celebrated numerous important days and festivals with enthusiasm and active participation from both students and staff. The key events included:

- 1. Father's Day Celebration:** On the 16th of June 2023, our school celebrated Father's Day with a special event aimed at strengthening the bond between fathers and their children. The highlight of the celebration was a fireless cooking team competition, of pre-primary section where fathers teamed up with their children to prepare delightful dishes together, fostering camaraderie and culinary skills in a joyful and secure atmosphere. Furthermore, in the grade 1 and above sections, students expressed their appreciation for their fathers through heartfelt handmade crafts and thoughtful tokens of gratitude, showcasing their creativity and love.
- 2. International Day of Yoga:** International Day of Yoga, was school organized in school on 21st June 23 where volunteers from the Isha Foundation led yoga sessions for students. During these sessions, the volunteers explained the importance of yoga for physical and mental well-being, guiding the students through various asanas and breathing exercises. Additionally, they raised awareness about the environmental significance of "save soil, save earth" initiatives, educating students about the vital role healthy soil plays in sustaining ecosystems and mitigating climate change. International Plastic Bag Free Day: We raised awareness about the environmental impacts of plastic use through educational initiatives.
- 3. Van Mahotsav:** During Van Mahotsav, the school organized a tree plantation drive on 10th July 23 where students actively participated in planting saplings within the school premises, contributing to environmental conservation efforts. Additionally, higher grade students organized a rally in the vicinity to raise awareness about the importance of afforestation and preserving green spaces. Through posters, banners, and slogans they highlighted the benefits of planting trees for biodiversity, climate regulation, and overall well-being, inspiring the local community to join hands in fostering a greener, healthier environment.
- 4. Safety Week:** Safety Week at our school was a comprehensive initiative designed to instill awareness and preparedness among students regarding various safety protocols. Throughout the week, a series of activities were organized to educate and empower students in handling emergency situations effectively. The week commenced with a fire drill conducted by professionals from the Fire Brigade, offering practical insights into fire safety procedures. Additionally, a mock evacuation simulation was carried out to prepare students for natural calamities, ensuring they understand the importance of swift and orderly evacuation. Furthermore, workshops on self-defense and road safety, facilitated by the DCP Pune, highlighted key strategies for personal safety and traffic awareness. Students from higher grades took initiative in organizing a road rally, displaying banners and slogans to promote safety measures and traffic rules within the community. Moreover, the week also included training sessions on first aid and emergency treatment, including CPR training, led by renowned doctors from Jahangir Hospital. These sessions equipped students with essential life-saving skills, empowering them to respond effectively during emergencies. Overall, Safety Week served as a holistic platform for students to learn, practice, and internalize safety protocols essential for their well-being and that of the community.



5. **Parent Workshop:** Throughout the academic year, our school conducted multiple Parent Workshops with the primary goal of equipping parents with the necessary tools to understand and support their children's academic journey effectively. Led by dedicated teachers, these workshops provided valuable insights into the teaching methodologies utilized within the school, ensuring parents remained informed and engaged in their children's education. Additionally, special workshops were conducted by our esteemed Principal, aimed at fostering awareness among parents regarding different parenting styles. These sessions elaborated on the crucial collaboration between parents and the educational institution in nurturing students further. By facilitating open dialogue and sharing valuable information, these workshops strengthened the partnership between parents and the school, ultimately contributing to the holistic development of our students. World Senior Citizen Day and Sadbhavana Divas: Celebrations that fostered respect and harmony through various activities.
6. **Dental Check-Up:** The dental check-up camp, organized by the school on 12th and 13th December, providing students with free dental examinations by professional dentists Dr. Abhijeet Kasbe, aiming to promote oral health awareness and preventive care among the student body. Through interactive sessions and complimentary dental kits, students received valuable insights and tools for maintaining optimal dental hygiene. The camp was conducted for over two days for all the students of the school
7. **Girls Child Safety & Puberty Hygiene Awareness Program:** An awareness program was organized to educate girls about child safety and puberty hygiene, on 28th April 2023, covering essential topics such as personal boundaries, menstrual hygiene, and recognizing signs of abuse. The session was conducted by Ms. Reshamm Bamb, the founder of the Shy Foundation, who is a dedicated social worker and sexuality educator. Through interactive sessions and informative materials, the program aimed to empower girls with the knowledge and skills to protect themselves and maintain their health during puberty. Good Touch Bad Touch Workshop: Educated students on personal safety and awareness.
8. **Christmas Carnival:** The school hosted a vibrant Christmas Carnival on 25th December with activities on three levels. Firstly, workshops such as fridge magnet making, bottle painting, blotto art, and superhero mask making, Zumba, a puppet show, and a toddler fitness workshop engaged students creatively and physically. Secondly, an inter-school dance and music competition featured participation from over 15 schools and private institutes, showcasing diverse talents. Lastly, the event included various food stalls and live band performances, throughout the day creating a festive atmosphere for students to enjoy the year-end celebrations.
9. **Field trips:** The school enriches its curriculum with field trips each term to provide students with hands-on learning experiences outside the classroom. These trips include visits to diverse places such as departmental stores, where students learn about commerce and everyday transactions, and science museums, which offer interactive exhibits to spark their interest in various scientific fields. Trips to farms teach students about agriculture and the importance of sustainable practices, while visits to musical gardens allow them to explore the intersection of nature and music. At aquariums, students discover marine life and aquatic ecosystems, enhancing their understanding of biology. A visit to the historic Aga Khan Palace provides insights into history and culture, fostering a deeper appreciation for their heritage. These field trips are designed to complement classroom learning, making education more engaging and comprehensive.



- 10. Annual day:** The Annual Day at our school, themed around the G-20 Team, showcased the talents of all students in dance, drama, and music performances. The drama segment featured students re-creating iconic theatre works, from Shakespearean classics to Broadway hits and historical biographies. Through their creativity and dedication, students transported the audience with captivating narratives, highlighting their acting skills and appreciation for the arts. This event was a testament to our commitment to holistic development and cultural appreciation, bringing the school community together in joyous celebration.
- 11. Sports Day:** Sports Day, held on the prestigious grounds of Pune University, was a thrilling event filled with excitement and camaraderie. Gracing the occasion as the Chief Guest was IPS Officer, DCP of Pune Zone-1, Mr. Sandeep Singh Gill, whose presence added prestige to the event. His motivational speech inspired the students, emphasizing the importance of sports in nurturing holistic development and fostering a healthy lifestyle among our students. The day commenced with various sports races and relay races, showcasing the athletic prowess of our students. Beyond the races, every student enthusiastically participated in a variety of drills, including lazim, flag drill, aerobic exercises, yoga, and gymnastic drills. These activities promoted physical fitness and instilled discipline, teamwork, and sportsmanship among the students. The sprawling university grounds provided the perfect backdrop for this spirited event, fostering a sense of competition and unity among participants.
- 12. Subject Enrichment Activities:** Each year, our school conducts Student Enrichment Activities (SEA) twice annually, serving as a cornerstone of our commitment to fostering continuous and practical learning among our students. During these cherished events, students take the helm, leading the charge in creating projects and working models that encapsulate the academic lessons they've absorbed. What sets SEA activities apart is their interdisciplinary nature, where every subject, from languages to science, mathematics, and social studies, receives equal attention. Students fully immerse themselves in the process, seamlessly melding theoretical knowledge with hands-on experience to breathe life into their projects. Whether constructing scale models of historical monuments, conducting scientific experiments, or devising innovative solutions to real-world problems, these activities prompt students to apply their skills in meaningful ways. By emphasizing student-led exploration and discovery, SEA activities ensure that learning extends beyond the confines of textbooks and classrooms, fostering a deep sense of curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking among our students year after year.
- 13. Culmination Activities:** Every year, our school organizes Culmination Activities, a cherished tradition conducted to celebrate the culmination of learning achievements and academic progress. During Culmination, students take center stage, showcasing their mastery of academic concepts through creative projects and presentations. What makes Culmination activities exceptional is their interdisciplinary approach, where every subject, from language arts to science, mathematics, and social studies, is spotlighted. Students immerse themselves in the process, seamlessly blending theoretical knowledge with hands-on experiences to bring their projects to life. Whether reenacting historical events, conducting scientific experiments, or exploring cultural phenomena, these activities encourage students to apply their skills in meaningful and innovative ways. By emphasizing student-driven exploration and discovery, Culmination activities foster a deep sense of curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking, ensuring that learning transcends the boundaries of the classroom and leaves a lasting impact on our students' educational journey.



Competitions and Activities

Our students showcased their talents and engaged in various competitions and activities, promoting a spirit of healthy competition and personal growth. Highlights included:

1. Poster Making and Fancy Dress Competitions: Encouraged creativity and self-expression among students.
2. Interschool Dance & Music Competitions: Provided a platform for students to display their artistic talents.
3. Diya and Lantern Making Competitions: Celebrated cultural traditions through creative crafts.
4. Debate and Quiz Competitions: Enhanced students' critical thinking and general knowledge.
5. Elocution Competition: Developed students' public speaking skills.
6. Interschool Sports Competitions (like SFA): Offered opportunities for students to excel in various sports outside the school.
7. Innovative Teaching Methods: Teachers introduced novel ideas to make learning more engaging and effective.
8. Culminations and SEA Activities: Integrated various subjects and enhanced students' practical knowledge.
9. Work Education Projects: Provided hands-on learning experiences that enriched students' educational journey.

Inclusive Education:

Helios International School emphasizes inclusive education and maintains comprehensive records and anecdotal data to support this approach. The school focuses on providing a supportive and adaptive learning environment for all students, including those with special educational needs.

Helios International School adopts a holistic approach to education that integrates inclusive practices involving Differentiated Instruction, Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), Support Services.

The school maintains detailed records and anecdotal notes to track student progress and inform instruction. The School has Special Educator & Health & Wellness Teachers & Counselor who keep Cumulative Records which are comprehensive files for each student, documenting academic performance, behavioral observations, and any special accommodations or interventions provided. The teachers regularly document specific instances of student behavior, achievements, and areas needing improvement. These records help in understanding individual student needs and adjusting teaching strategies accordingly.



In service & External Training of Teachers:

All teachers of the school have completed the mandatory training. Inservice training is also given to the teachers. The teachers have attended trainings & workshops externally as well as resource persons are invited from specialized fields to train the teachers on latest pedagogies and NEP & NCF.

External Examinations

Our students have also excelled in various external examinations, showcasing their academic prowess on national and international platforms:

1. SOF Olympiad: Our students participated in the Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF) Olympiads, achieving outstanding results and securing top ranks.
2. NSTSE (National Science Talent Search Examination): Several students performed exceptionally well, demonstrating their strong grasp of scientific concepts.
3. Homi Bhabha Exams: Students excelled in these exams, highlighting their proficiency in science and mathematics.
4. Spell Bee: The Spell Bee competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from our students, showcasing their linguistic prowess and vocabulary skills.

Sports

I. Sakal Schoolympics Basketball Tournament:

Helios teams of boys and girls participated in the prestigious Sakal Schoolympics Basketball tournament, hosted by the Sakal group.

Despite being their inaugural appearance, both teams not only qualified for the leagues but also secured a spot among the top 16 out of over 55 participating schools.

This remarkable achievement served as significant motivation, highlighting Helios' potential in the sporting arena.

II. Cricket Tournament:

In a fiercely competitive cricket tournament with over 105 participating schools, Helios cricket team exhibited outstanding skills and determination.

The team earned a well-deserved spot in the quarterfinals, showcasing their cricketing prowess and resilience to challenges.

III. Skating Competition:

Helios' talented skaters showcased remarkable skills, gracefully gliding across the rink and earning accolades for their performance.

Their journey extended into the semifinals and quarterfinals, reflecting their hard work, precision, and passion for skating.

IV. Football Team Performance:



The Helios Football Team participated in the prestigious School Olympics, demonstrating their passion for the sport and determination to excel.

The boys' team displayed exemplary talent and strategic gameplay, securing a spot in the quarterfinals with exciting goals and steadfast defense.

The journey in the SFA Championship was marked by collective effort, defining Helios' performance on the football pitch.

School Clubs

The school offers a diverse range of clubs aimed at providing students with opportunities for holistic development and exploration of their interests. These clubs serve as platforms for students to engage in extracurricular activities, develop leadership skills, and foster a sense of community within the school. Here's an overview of the various clubs run in our school:

1. ECO Club:

The ECO Club is dedicated to promoting environmental awareness and sustainability among students. Through various initiatives such as tree planting drives, waste management projects, and awareness campaigns, students learn about environmental conservation and take practical steps towards creating a greener and cleaner environment.

2. Literary Club:

The Literary Club aims to nurture a love for literature and language among students. Members of the club engage in activities such as book discussions, poetry readings, writing workshops, and literary competitions. This club provides a platform for students to enhance their communication skills, creativity, and appreciation for literature.

3. Cultural Club:

The Cultural Club celebrates diversity and fosters an appreciation for different cultures and traditions. Through cultural performances, dance workshops, music sessions, and festive celebrations, students explore and showcase their cultural heritage while also learning about other cultures from around the world.

4. Art Club:

The Art Club provides a creative outlet for students to explore and express themselves through various forms of visual arts. Members of the club participate in drawing, painting, sculpting, and crafting activities, allowing them to unleash their creativity and develop their artistic skills under the guidance of experienced art teachers.

5. Financial Literacy & Entrepreneurship Club:




Exclusively for students in Grade VI and above, the Financial Literacy & Entrepreneurship Club aims to equip students with essential financial management skills and entrepreneurial mindset. Through workshops, guest lectures, and hands-on projects, students learn about budgeting, saving, investing, and entrepreneurship, preparing them for financial independence and success in the future.

Conclusion

The academic year 2023-24 was marked by numerous achievements, celebrations, and enriching activities that significantly contributed to the holistic development of our students. Our commitment to educational innovation, combined with the active involvement of students, teachers, and parents, has made this year a remarkable success. We look forward to continuing our pursuit of excellence and making a lasting positive impact on our students and the broader community.




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