### **EDITOR'S MUSINGS**

"When you know yourself, you are empowered when you accept yourself you are invincible"

Khoj is a journey of personal revelation and a tribute to autonomy. Its central theme is evening collaboration. This promises to be a reservoir of treasured moments, memories that will fondly weave into the fabric of our children's recollections for many years to come. It also represents a pivotal opportunity for parents to let go of their little ones in a safe space allowing kids to take those first tentative steps toward selfreliance. Every Khoi year, provides an essential platform, encouraging our children to express their independence while ensuring a robust support structure surrounds them. The sight of youthful faces brimming with excitement and trust is undeniably a humbling sight. Khoj embodies an exceptional blend of physical activity, exploration, personal social interaction, and above all, pure joy. This year has once again met and exceeded the children's aspirations, as the campus buzzed with lively energy and delight throughout the evening. The spirit of this magical gathering teaches a crucial life lesson: one doesn't have to tackle every obstacle all at once, but should concentrate moving forward step by step. I have always believed that we must not shield our little ones from problems, rather we must teach them to tackle challenges on their own and Khoj does precisely that!

-Editor

#### THROUGH MY EYES

Finally, the long-awaited day has dawned! We have all been eagerly anticipating this moment since the start of Class V. The thrill had kept me wide awake throughout the night. Upon reaching school, I was welcomed by the vivid hues symbolizing Maharashtra, making me feel like a VIP. Once I stepped into my classroom, I meticulously arranged my belongings and set up my bed independently. The assembly was extraordinary, featuring an enjoyable skit and a captivating dance performance by our teachers and friends. I never imagined our educators had such remarkable and varied talents! My friends and I snapped a photo in front of the Maharashtra-themed backdrop, and I can't wait to show it to my family later. We relished scrumptious snacks, and the evening flew by in a blur of joy, games, and dancing around the bonfire. The PowerPoint presentation whisked us away on a nostalgic trip down memory lane, and as the night concluded, sleep completely evaded me. My friends and I spent the night giggling and exchanging stories, yet when morning exercises rolled around, I felt astonishingly revitalized. After enjoying a fulfilling breakfast of hot puri and jalebi, I am thrilled to retell every detail of this magical night for many days to come. I truly wish Khoj could happen every year!



## **CAMPUS CAPERS**

"Each moment was very well planned. I enjoyed the dance event a lot- Swara Mishra Shankra V-D

"I won chocolates for in almost every game. The freeze dance was super fun too!."- Vaani R. Khandelwal VH

"The Spooky House was perfect but it didn't scare me one bit!!."-Anvi VD

"Dancing around the bonfire was the highlight of the evening for me and my friends. Batul Azher Merchant V-C

## GAIETY, GALA & GOINGS - ON

The campus has been alive with excitement over the past week as everyone eagerly awaited Khoj. The event became a hot topic among students and their families, and now the much-anticipated day has arrived. Upon their arrival, the campus dazzled with a splendid showcase of Maharashtra, instantly whisking the children into a regal atmosphere. Once the children settled into their accommodations, they gathered for an assembly led by the teachers. A humorous skit was performed, followed by an exuberant dance display. The Head of School greeted the students warmly and urged them to relish the evening in a well-mannered yet fun way. The children savored scrumptious evening snacks, after which they participated in a photography session with their room teachers. Following that, an array of games took place in various spots across the campus. The children were thrilled to partake in a lively mix of games, such as Spooky House, Hopscotch – Hands and Feet, Copy the Posture, Hula Hoops, Go Down and Pass the Ball, Do You Have Your Friends' Back?, Hole in Ball or Ball in the Hole, Which is the Lucky Color?, Ball in the Glass, Cup Stacking, and Lingorcha. Their excitement was palpable as they celebrated winning chocolates during several games. The PowerPoint presentation session offered a nostalgic moment for both the students and teachers. Witnessing the evolution of our children from small toddlers to responsible middle schoolers was truly fascinating. Amidst laughter and chatter, the children shared their reflections before settling down for the night. They woke at dawn, filled with vigor and eagerness, starting the day with meditation and standing exercises to rejuvenate themselves, followed by a refreshing walk to a nearby location. This outing was followed by a delightful breakfast featuring some of their favourites, which the children thoroughly relished. The day concluded with a farewell assembly where they recounted their experiences of the event. This occasion allowed the children to discover hidden facets of their identities while instilling in them the virtues of teamwork, collaboration, and coexistence with their peers. Each child returned home laden with tales to share with their families for months to come.









# **They Said This**

"The excitement and vitality present on the campus are remarkable.-Mansi & Atul Joshi (Parent of Vihaan Joshi V-G)

"I am participating in my inaugural Khoj, and my enthusiasm surpasses that of the children. Manisha Mehta – New Teacher)

"I feel a sense of nostalgia. Khoj evokes memories of my childhood." – Anamika Koul (Staff Parent)

I experience a blend of emotions, yet I am reassured that my grandson is in capable and secure care –Kailash D.Madan (Grandmother of Kabir Madan V-A)

"Every year of Khoj is a fresh experience. The emotions and excitement are unparalleled". Bhavna Bajaj (JWC)