

'PRINCIPALLY YOURS'

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

February and March Year ending, 2026

Dear Parents,

As this academic year comes to a successful end, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all of you dear parents for your support and co-operation.

We also take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to our management whose encouragement and guidance catapults our progress.

And, needless to say that, without the dedication of each of our Staff members-both teaching and non-teaching nothing would be possible at school. So, our sincere thank you to them too.

Awards Galore

Bai Avabai Framji Petit Girls' High School continues to add new laurels to its proud legacy with a series of prestigious recognitions. The school was honoured by *The Free Press Journal* for **Excellence in Teacher Voice and Professional Development** as well as **Excellence in Students' Health, Nutrition and Well-Being**, acknowledging the Institution's commitment to nurturing both educators and students in a holistic learning environment.

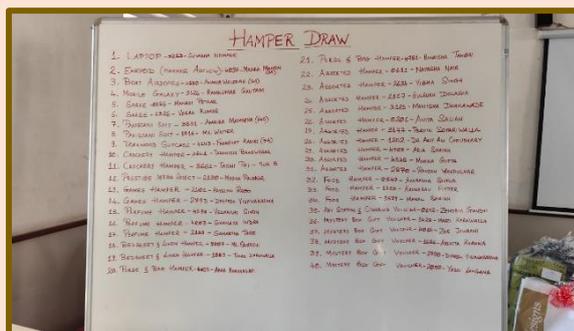


Adding to these achievements, our dear Principal was recognised at the *Principal's Conclave* organised by *Hindustan Times*, receiving awards from the *Skill Association* for outstanding leadership in education. The celebrations continued with another moment of pride when the Principal was felicitated by *Times NIE* for exemplary contribution to school education. These honours stand as a testament to the school's unwavering dedication to academic excellence, student welfare, and progressive educational practices.



Petit Fête – Hamper Draw

One of the most exciting highlights of the Petit Fête was the much-awaited Hamper Draw, which created a buzz of anticipation across the school. The raffle tickets were drawn and called out in the presence of students and staff, adding to the excitement and transparency of the event. A wide range of attractive prizes awaited the lucky winners, beginning with major prizes such as a laptop, mobile phone, and ear pods, along with an array of delightful mystery hampers, food hampers and several other surprise gifts. As each winning number was announced, cheers and applause filled the air, making the hamper draw a memorable and joyful moment for everyone present.



School Scoop - Petit Fête in the News

The vibrant spirit of the school's much-loved **Petit Fête** received special recognition in the media. The newspaper article highlighted the unique nature of the fête, which showcased the talents, creativity and enthusiastic participation of the students. From lively performances and engaging stalls to the warm community atmosphere, the coverage captured the joy and energy that made the event truly memorable. The feature in the newspaper was a proud moment for the entire school community and reflected the success of the fête in bringing together students, staff, parents, and well-wishers in celebration.



Pariksha Pe Charcha - 6 February 2026

Students and teachers enthusiastically participated in **Pariksha Pe Charcha** held on **6th February 2026**, where our Prime Minister, Shri **Narendra Modi** interacted with students from across the country on the topic of examinations, stress management and the importance of maintaining a positive attitude towards learning. The session encouraged students to view examinations as opportunities rather than pressures, while also highlighting the importance of balanced routines, healthy habits and confidence. Students of the school watched the live interaction with great interest and took away valuable insights on managing exam stress, staying motivated and approaching their studies with a calm and focussed mind. The session proved to be both inspiring and reassuring for students preparing for their examinations.



Cookery Practicals- Std 9

The Std 9th Cookery Final practical examination was held on 10th and 11 th February 2026
The themes were as follows.

- 1) Party cooking
- 2) Breakfast

The students had to select any one out of the two themes. They were given 2 hours to prepare their dishes and lay the table.



Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti

Our school celebrated Shivaji Jayanti with great fervour and pride on 18th February, 2026, in the Marble Hall. Students from Grades 3 to 6 came together under the dedicated guidance of their history teachers to honour the life and legacy of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. The centrepiece of the event was a beautifully enacted skit that brought to life pivotal moments from the great king's journey — from his early years shaped by the wisdom of Jijabai, to the founding of his sovereign Swarajya. Vibrant cultural dances filled the hall with colour, energy and regional pride. Soulful patriotic songs dedicated to the Maratha warrior king stirred deep emotions in every heart present. Eloquent speeches delivered in both Marathi and English highlighted his extraordinary qualities — his military genius, his administrative vision, his respect for all faiths and his unwavering love for his people. The event beautifully wove together timeless lessons from his life, urging today's generation to embrace courage, integrity, strategic thinking and love for one's motherland. Every performance reflected weeks of earnest preparation by students and teachers alike, making the occasion a proud moment for the entire school community. The Marble Hall resonated not just with applause, but with a renewed sense of cultural identity and inspiration. Shivaji Jayanti 2026 was a celebration that reminded us all that the spirit of a true leader never fades — it lives on in the hearts it continues to inspire.





Workshop for teachers on various aspects of Education & Pedagogy.

A workshop on “The Science of Neglect, Importance of Assessment, Observation and Documentation” was conducted on 21st February 2026 by Dr. Pearl Hilloo and Mrs. Divya Ochani.

The session highlighted the Science of Neglect, explaining how essential attentive and responsive caregiving is important for a child’s healthy growth and development, particularly during early childhood. The speakers emphasised that consistent care, emotional support and positive interactions play a crucial role in shaping a child’s brain development and overall well-being.

The workshop also focussed on the importance of assessment, observation and documentation in early childhood education. Teachers were encouraged to carefully observe children during daily classroom activities to understand their learning patterns, interests and developmental progress.

Special emphasis was placed on anecdotal records, which are brief, factual notes written by teachers about a child’s behaviour, learning experiences, or skills observed during regular classroom activities. These records help educators track developmental progress, identify strengths and areas that need support and plan meaningful learning experiences for children.

Overall, the workshop provided valuable insights into how thoughtful observation and proper documentation support effective teaching and promote children’s holistic development.





Marathi Divas also known as Marathi Language Day is celebrated every year on 27th February to honour the richness, history and cultural significance of the Marathi language. This day marks the birth anniversary of the eminent Marathi poet Vishnu Vaman Shirwadkar popularly known as Kusumagraj, whose literary contributions greatly enriched Marathi literature.

The programme began with a spirited Shiv Garjana presentation by the students of Class 3, followed by the Maharashtra Rajya Geet, melodiously rendered by students of Classes 1 and 2. The event was

confidently anchored in Marathi by students of Classes 5 and 6. The celebrations continued with a devotional Ganesh Vandana, seeking the blessings of Ganesh.

The cultural programme showcased the rich traditions of Maharashtra through vibrant dance performances such as Kathak, Laavni, Lezim, and Dindi. Students of Classes 3 and 6 also recited prayers and poems, adding a literary touch to the celebration. The programme concluded with an inspiring speech in Marathi by our respected Principal. Marathi Divas serves as a reminder of the importance of preserving linguistic diversity and cultural identity. It encourages pride in one's mother tongue and highlights the role of language in shaping values, traditions and social unity. By celebrating this day, we reaffirm our commitment to preserving and promoting the Marathi language for future generations.



Inter-Class Chess Tournament (Stds. 3 to 6)

The month of February was filled with excitement and strategic thinking at Avabai Petit Girls High School, as students from Standards 3 to 6 participated in an engaging Inter-Class Chess Tournament. The event provided students with a wonderful opportunity to showcase their chess skills, concentration, and sportsmanship.

Students enthusiastically competed against their classmates in a series of matches. After several intense and thoughtful games, the top three players from each standard emerged as winners. These talented students were felicitated by the school for their excellent performance and dedication to the game.

The tournament was smoothly conducted under the supervision of Ms. Goolnawaz Kapadia, who served as the arbiter for the entire event. As the chess coach of the students, Ms. Kapadia ensured fair play and guided the participants throughout the competition. The students thoroughly enjoyed the tournament and were extremely

happy and satisfied with their performance. The event not only strengthened their love for chess but also helped them develop important skills such as strategic thinking, patience, and focus. Overall, the Inter-Class Chess Tournament was a great success, leaving students motivated and excited for more such competitions in the future. The winners of the chess tournament are as follows:

Class 3		Class 4	
Rank	Names of the Winners	Rank	Names of the Winners
1.	Meharjan Kaur Chadda- 3A	1.	Navya Tando- 4B
2.	Nergish Hakhamaneshy -3A	2.	Reya Dharmadhikari- 4B
3.	Myra Jaisingh-3A	3.	Shanaya Indira – 4A
Class 5		Class 6	
Rank	Names of the Winners	Rank	Names of the Winners
1.	Aaliya Shandiwan- 5A	1.	Ann Nora Rasquinha – 6B
2.	Jenna Mistry- 5B	2.	Adiyah Hannah Shahne- 6B
3.	Jiana Kaur- 5A	3.	Zynah Zariwala – 6A

PRIMARY SECTION



Shanaya Indra, a Grade 4 student of Bai Avabai F. Petit Girls' High School, won the 1st Prize Trophy in the 7–9 years category at the 17th Annual Pearl Padamsee Competition for Excellence in Speech and Drama, in which 155 students from 30 schools across Mumbai and Pune participated.



Shanaya Indra, a Grade 4 student of Bai Avabai F. Petit Girls' High School, won the 2nd place Prize in the under 12 age categories for the Bandra Gymkhana inter school English Elocution competition from the members category.



Shanaya Indra, a Grade 4 student of Bai Avabai F. Petit Girls' High School, has passed Grade 4 Exams in both Speech and Drama and Communication skills from Trinity College of London with Distinction.



Mia Pereira from 4A won the second place (Members' Category) in the Bandra Gymkhana Elocution.

Alayna Bardanwalla participated in the National Level Abacus Competition organised by Whizz Kidz and secured a Bronze trophy in the competition.



PRE-PRIMARY SECTION

Getting Ready For The Art Exhibition

Preparations are on in full swing as we curate inspiring works, design immersive displays and bring together talented little artists for an unforgettable art exhibition experience which will be on in early March

Playschool



Nursery



Lower KG



Higher KG



Holi Activity

The Pre-Primary children celebrate the spirit of colour and creativity with our joyful Holi Art Activity, where little artist's splash, paint, and play in a vibrant festival of imagination!



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Dramatization

Our Higher KG children step into the spotlight and bring stories to life with confidence in dramatization, where little stars shine big!



Higher KG

Graduation Day

Our Higher KG stars lit up Graduation Day with joyful performances that made the celebration truly unforgettable.



ART EXHIBITION

Tiny hands created big masterpieces at the delightful Pre-Primary Art Exhibition, showcasing imagination and creativity. This Art exhibition was inaugurated on 6th March by Sir & Lady Petit, after which 15 neighbouring school teachers of the Pre-primary section were invited to view it. Over 80 teachers and sectional Heads came from various schools and paid glowing tributes to the effort and creativity of the students and staff which was evident.



Welcoming Sir Petit

Lady Petit Inaugurating

Inauguration of the Art Exhibition



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Ms. Diana Marfatia

Principal