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FOUNDATIONAL STAGE OBSERVES WORLD OZONE DAY



The Foundational Stage observed World Ozone Day on 16th September 2025 with creative and engaging activities designed to create awareness about the importance of protecting the ozone layer.

The Nursery students participated with great enthusiasm by colouring pictures of the Earth, Sun, and an umbrella, symbolising protection of our planet. The LKG and UKG students showcased their creativity by drawing and colouring posters on the theme of Ozone Day, spreading the message of safeguarding the environment.

कविता - हिंदी मेरा अभिमान

हिंदी में है ज्ञान,
हिंदी में स्वाभिमान।
हिंदी मेरी पहचान है,
हिंदी मेरा अभिमान है।

संस्कृत से आई है हिंदी,
भारत माँ की जाई है हिंदी।
व्यवस्थित है, उन्नत है
वैज्ञानिक है हिंदी।

सरल, लचीली और
संपर्क बढ़ाने वाली है हिंदी।
समृद्ध संस्कृति और इतिहास
संचित है इसमें।



अन्य भाषाओं को गले लगाने
की
क्षमता है इसमें।
दिनकर, निराला, प्रसाद सभी
इसके ही गुण गाते हैं।
आओ हम सब मिलकर
हिंदी दिवस मनाते हैं।

बबिता अरोड़ा
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Abstract

Students greatly benefit from developing competencies because these go beyond just memorizing facts—they help learners build real-life skills, practical knowledge, and the right mindset to thrive both in school and in the world beyond. By focusing on how to apply learning in meaningful ways, competencies encourage students to think critically, solve problems, and adapt to change with confidence and creativity. Competencies truly matter because students learn in class with purpose and they connect to real-life situations, making learning more meaningful and useful for future jobs and challenges. In this world where all are unique competencies respect that everyone learns differently, and allow students to have their own pace so that they can find what works best for them. While learning when students understand the value of what they're learning, they become more involved and excited about it because it helps students handle uncertainty and change with ease, when students learn new skills they start believing themselves and about their abilities; they will be more inventive and find unique solution to the problems. According to Akkermans et al. (2020), competencies such as self-awareness, networking, and proactive behaviour directly influence a student's ability to transition from education to employment.



What are Competencies and why are they important?

Competencies are a mixture of knowledge, skills, behaviour and attitude that help a person perform effectively in real-world situations. While exams test how much student knows, competencies reveal how well they apply that knowledge. While textbook knowledge teaches us what to know, competencies guide us on how to use that knowledge in real situations. For example, when students work in groups, speak in front of others, manage their time, or learn how to adjust when something changes, they are actually building competencies. These abilities may not always show up on a report card, but they play a big role when students face the real world—whether it's handling a college interview or dealing with a tough situation at work.

A study published in *Frontiers in Psychology* (2022) found that students who gained practical experience and soft skills-like adaptability and teamwork-felt more confident and job ready than those who only focused on academics. It says that students who develop qualities like self-awareness, networking, and proactive thinking are better prepared for life after school. That means when we help students work on these areas, we are helping them not just pass exams, but face life with confidence. In today's world, where change is fast and jobs are always shifting, competencies are what truly help students move forward with strength and success.



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Limitations of exam-based learning

Scoring high marks in exams shows how well a student remembers and understands a subject, but it doesn't always prove how well they can apply that knowledge in real situations. Exams usually test individual effort under time pressure, but life outside school is more complex—it involves working with people, making decisions, and dealing with unpredictable challenges where the limitations of marks become clear. A student might score high in theory but still feel lost when asked to lead a team or present an idea to others. Research from Career Development Quarterly (2018) shows that career success depends on skills like problem-solving, emotional regulation, and initiative than on grades alone. Even many employers today prefer candidates who show practical thinking, curiosity, and leadership—not just academic achievement. That's why focusing only on marks is no longer enough. Students must be encouraged to connect what they learn with how they live, work, and contribute to society.



India's Need for Competency-Based Growth

India has one of the youngest populations in the world, but many students still struggle to find jobs despite having degrees. This shows a clear gap between academic success and real-world readiness. Employers today seek individuals who can think critically, adapt quickly, and work well with others. That's why India urgently needs to focus on developing core competencies in students. The National Education Policy is a step forward, but real change will come only when schools and families together support learning that prepares children not just to pass exams, but to face life with confidence.

Conclusion

In today's world, success belongs to those who can think, adapt and grow. When we shift our focus from marks to meaning, we prepare ourselves for a real world which is ready to welcome us with open arms.



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CHARACTER**



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