

Welcome to the August 2024 edition of the Shree Visa Oshwal Community Nairobi, Oshwal Awaaz, where we had the honor of hosting a series of remarkable programs, showcasing the unity, talent, and devotion of our Community.

Jinaybhai Shah (Lecturer, New Zealand), Ketulbhai Shah (Public Speaker, India), Umangbhai Bhavsar (Musician, India), had been invited to celebrate this year's Paryushan. Children's Program, Lectures, Shree Mahavir Swami Janma Vanchan were activities organized by Religion Committee.

Paryushan Mahaparva

Religious Harmony



We closed the month with a profound and sacred event — the Paryushan Maha Parva organized by the Religion Committee. This spiritual program was held at both the Visa Oshwal Mahajanwadi and Oshwal Centre, bringing together our Community in a week-long celebration of reflection, forgiveness, and devotion. It was a time to renew our commitments to the principles of Jainism and embrace inner peace and harmony.

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**Paryushan Programs shall be
published in the next Oshwal Awaaz**

SENIOR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Antakshari

The Antakshari event on Wednesday, 7th August 2024, was a lively and joyous occasion attended by Seniors. Antakshari, a popular musical game where participants sing songs that start with the last letter of the previous song, brought everyone together in a spirited and nostalgic atmosphere.

The Seniors engaged in friendly competition, showcasing their knowledge of old and new songs, and sharing memories tied to the music.



Art & Craft

(Celebration of Raksha Bandhan)

On Wednesday, 14th August 2024, our Seniors came together for a heartwarming Art & Craft event in celebration of Raksha Bandhan.

This special occasion, known for honoring the bond between brothers and sisters, was given a creative twist as participants engaged in crafting their own Rakhi (traditional wristbands) and other festive decorations.

Seniors were provided with all the necessary materials - colorful threads, beads, sequins, and more - to craft their personalized Rakhis for their brothers. Guided by instructors, they explored different techniques, blending tradition with their unique artistic flair.

Some reminisced about making Rakhis in their younger days, while others enjoyed learning new crafting techniques. The activity not only sparked creativity but also fostered a sense of Community, with everyone encouraging each other and admiring each other's work.

The Seniors proudly displayed their handcrafted Rakhis, which they planned to gift to their Brothers.

This Art & Craft event was more than just a celebration; it was a reminder of the timeless bonds of love and the joy that comes from creating something meaningful with one's own hands.





SENIOR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Motivational Talk by Shalini Gadhia

On Wednesday, 21st August 2024, Seniors gathered for an inspiring Motivational Talk by Shalini Gadhia. The event was designed to uplift and energize the attendees, offering them a chance to reflect on their personal journeys and reignite their passions. Shalini Gadhia, known for her engaging and empowering presentations, shared stories and insights that resonated deeply with the audience.

The atmosphere was warm and inviting, as participants listened attentively, nodding along to the motivational messages. Shalini's talk touched on themes such as resilience, self-belief, and the importance of staying positive regardless of life's challenges. The Seniors left the event feeling rejuvenated and motivated, with many expressing how the talk had given them a fresh perspective on life.



Bingo

On Wednesday, 28th August 2024, a lively Bingo event brought together Seniors for an afternoon. Bingo, a popular game of chance, involves participants marking off numbers on their cards as they are randomly called out by the host. The goal is to complete a specific pattern on the card—such as a row, column, or diagonal—before anyone else.

The first person to achieve this shouts "Bingo!" and wins a prize.

The Seniors eagerly participated, each with their Bingo cards in hand, ready to mark off the numbers. The anticipation in the room grew with each number called, as players carefully checked their cards, hoping to be the first to complete the pattern.

As the game progressed, several Seniors called out "Bingo!" to claim their prizes, adding to the joy and excitement of the event. The Bingo session was more than just a game; it was a delightful social gathering where the Seniors enjoyed each other's company, engaged in friendly competition, and celebrated each other's victories.



Shri Vallabhdham Haveli Shobha Yatra

On Sunday, 25th August 2024, Shree Visa Oshwal Community, Nairobi Members took part in the Shobha Yatra hosted by Shri Vallabhdham Haveli amongst many other Community Centres.

The event took place at the Oshwal Centre Grounds, Ring Road, with a delightful Alpahar (brunch) and followed by the vibrant Shobha Yatra. Participants were requested to follow the dress code of wearing shades of red, adding a vibrant touch to the celebrations.

Despite the religious differences between our Community and that of Shri Vallabhdham Haveli, the event served as a beautiful occasion for spiritual unity and cultural exchange.



Our esteemed Office Bearers, attended the Sapta celebration on Wednesday, 28th August 2024 and were warmly welcomed by the Haveli organizers. The sense of togetherness was palpable as both Communities came together to celebrate in harmony. Our Office Bearers had the honor of participating in the sacred Sapta and received blessings as part of the auspicious proceedings. It was heartwarming to witness the mutual respect and shared values of compassion and devotion, which transcended religious boundaries.

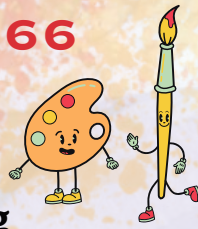


These events highlighted the strong ties of fellowship between our Community and the Shri Vallabhdham Haveli, offering an opportunity to embrace diversity and unity within the broader Indian religious and cultural spectrum



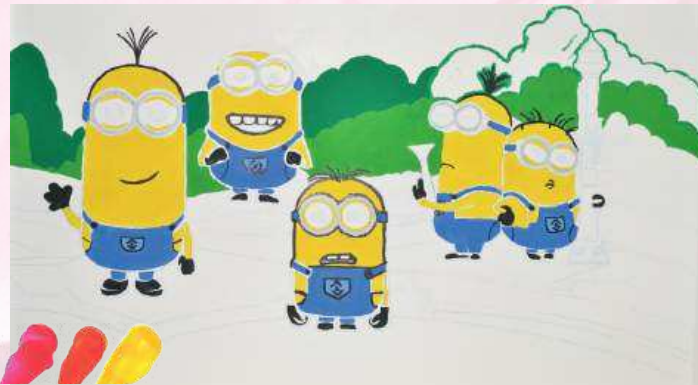
LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Oshwal Library's Artistic Transformation – Mural Painting

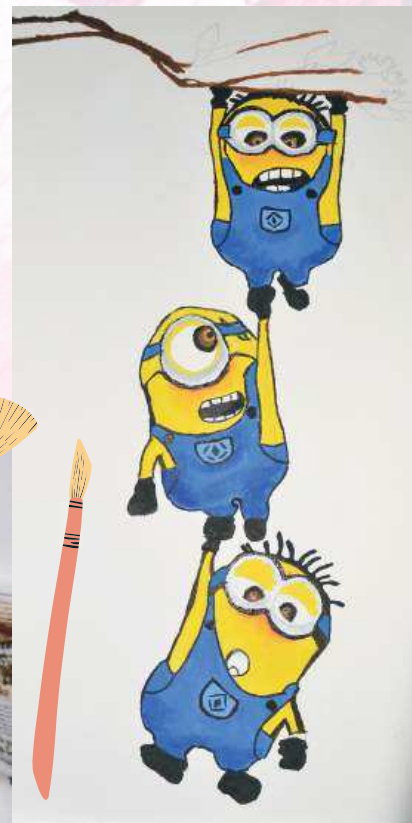


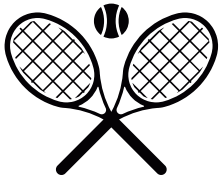
The Oshwal Library has been a hive of activity over the past two months as volunteers have been hard at work on a creative project aimed at transforming the children's section. Since July, the Library Committee has led a mural painting initiative that invites Community Members, particularly those with an interest in art, to come together and make a lasting impact.

The project, which has continued through July & August is now nearing completion, has brought a burst of color and creativity to the walls. Volunteers, aged 14 years and up, have poured their energy and talents into creating a vibrant mural that reflects the diversity and unity of our Community. It's a testament to what can be achieved when people come together with a shared vision.



Throughout this period, the Library Committee has been working tirelessly to organize, support, and guide the project, ensuring that participants not only enjoy the process but also contribute to something meaningful. All those involved have been awarded certificates in recognition of their time and efforts, further highlighting the value of Community Service. As the final touches are put in place, we encourage everyone to visit the library and see this stunning mural in person. It's a wonderful addition to the space and will surely inspire future generations. A big thank you to the Library Committee and the incredible volunteers who made this project possible!





SPORTS CORNER

Tennis Star - Kael Shah

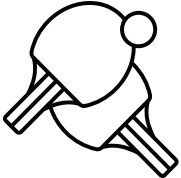


We are thrilled to congratulate Kael Shah on his remarkable achievement of winning the 2024 singles tennis title for the second year in a row! Kael's dedication, hard work, and passion for the game have once again proven that persistence leads to greatness.

His journey is a shining example for all aspiring athletes - showing that with commitment and determination, anything is possible.



Table Tennis Star - Khushi Malde

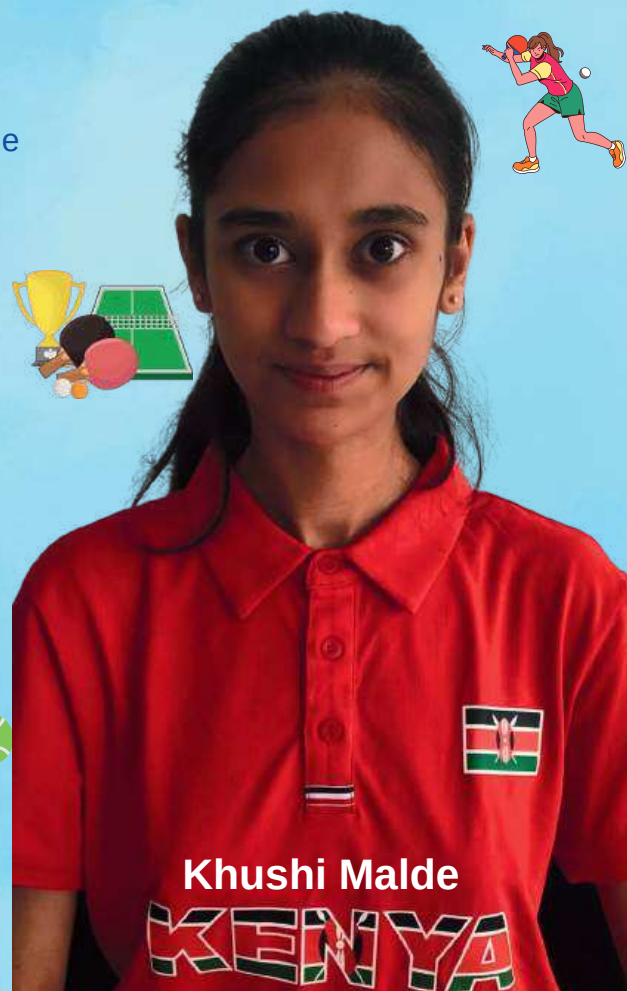


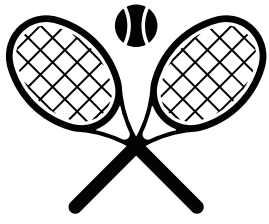
We are also proud to announce that **Khushi Malde** has won the under-19 table tennis title and will represent Kenya in Uganda. Khushi's victory and upcoming representation of our nation on an international stage is a testament to her incredible talent and relentless effort.

Let's celebrate these outstanding achievements and be inspired to pursue our passions with the same level of dedication. Kael and Khushi's successes remind us that our dreams are within reach if we continue to strive for excellence. Here's to more victories and the bright future of our young athletes!

**INSPIRE
OTHERS**

Your commitment to what you love today could be the foundation of your success tomorrow. Stay true to your passions, allowing them to steer you towards unexpected possibilities. Continue refining your abilities, as the journey of pursuing your dreams might just nurture the path to your future. Don't quit, because your gifts are the seeds of your future achievements!





SPORTS CORNER

Tennis Tournament at Oshwal Sports Complex



On the weekend of Saturday, 31st August, and Sunday, 1st September 2024, the Oshwal Sports Complex on Wambugu Road came alive with the excitement of a highly competitive tennis tournament. Open to participants of all ages, the tournament welcomed players in three categories: 12 to 17 years old, 18 to 35 years old, and 35 years and above.



The event kicked off on Saturday at 12:00 noon, with matches running through until 9:00 PM, showcasing remarkable talent and sportsmanship from participants. Sunday saw an early start, with games continuing from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The courts were filled with energy as players gave their best in intense rallies and powerful serves, drawing cheers from enthusiastic spectators.



Throughout the two days, both seasoned players and rising stars demonstrated their skills, competing fiercely for the top spots in their respective categories. The tournament provided a platform for tennis enthusiasts to test their abilities against strong opponents.

As the tournament concluded, winners and runners-up in each category were honored for their outstanding performances. They were awarded trophies and medals, recognizing their hard work and dedication.



Hiking



Sibling Adventure:

Nandini and Kush's Remarkable Mount Kenya Summit Journey

On the 14th of August, 2024, young adventurers Kush (10 years old) and Nandini (7 years old), children of Hanikssa & Nayan Mansukhlal Kachra Savla, accomplished a remarkable feat by summiting Peak Lenana on Mount Kenya. They had trained for summiting by completing many smaller hikes & successfully climbed Elephant Hill, Machakos (Iveti and Iluvya Hills), Longonot, Suswa, Kilimambogo, Sleeping Warrior, Salama Town (Kalembwani and Kioo), etc.

They also attempted Teleki Valley but had to turn back due to bad weather. They were optimistic from the beginning and very excited when their parents, Nayan and Hanikssa revealed that Mount Kenya was booked for during their August school holidays.



Both kids summited during uncharacteristic bad weather. The recent El Niño and ongoing climate change has made weather somewhat erratic at Mount Kenya. The trip was organized by Bootstrap Adventures. The whole family is pure vegetarian, and the summiting was testimony to their family traditions. Their grandparents Manubhai and Kapilaben Savla were elated to hear the fantastic news. There was a snowfall during the ascent and the descent on the mountain till Shipton Camp was covered in snow.

Nandini had been enquiring from her parents when she would be able to see and hold snow and her wishes were fulfilled during the trip. Nandini is probably the youngest girl from our Community to make the ascent. "

Despite facing altitude sickness, both Nandini & Kush demonstrated incredible determination and resilience.

Kush, who faced health challenges along the climb, did not give up, while Nandini showed true heroism by keeping her willpower strong and supporting her brother throughout the journey.

Their achievement has filled their grandparents, including Kapilaben (Kala) & Mansukhlal bhai Kachra Savla, with immense pride.

Climbing Peak Lenana is no small task, especially for such young adventurers. At an altitude of 4,985 meters (16,355 feet), it is the third-highest peak on Mount Kenya, known for its tough conditions and demanding trails.

Comparing it to other famous peaks like Kilimanjaro's Uhuru Peak or Everest Base Camp, Lenana offers a formidable challenge in its own right. Achieving this climb at such a young age showcases not only the children's physical endurance but also their mental strength & willpower.



Their story is a source of inspiration for others - showing that with determination, the right mindset, and family support, even seemingly insurmountable goals can be achieved.

This achievement proves that age is just a number when it comes to chasing dreams. The courage and persistence displayed by Kush and Nandini should motivate everyone, young and old, to pursue their own adventures with the same spirit.

GREEN CORNER

Sustainable Electronics Management: Keep, Reuse, or Dispose Responsibly

In our fast-paced digital world, many of us have accumulated old electronics - phones, computers, and gadgets - stashed away in drawers, gathering dust. Holding on to these outdated devices not only clutters our space but also poses environmental risks if not handled properly. Here's how we can all take responsible action:

1. Assess What to Keep or Upgrade

Evaluate your old electronics to determine if they can still serve a purpose. Some devices, with minor upgrades or repairs, can be given a second life. For instance, an older laptop can be upgraded with new software or storage to meet basic needs like browsing and document editing.

2. Repurpose and Reuse

Creative Reuse: Think outside the box!

Convert old smartphones into dedicated music players, security cameras, or digital photo frames.

Donate: If you have functioning devices that you no longer need, consider donating them to local schools, Community centers, or charities where they can benefit those with limited access to technology.

Sell or Trade: Some companies offer trade-in programs where you can exchange old devices for discounts on new ones. Alternatively, selling them online can ensure someone else puts them to good use.



3. Disposing of Electronics Responsibly

E-Waste Collection Centers: Safely dispose of unusable electronics at designated e-waste recycling centers or during Community e-waste drives.

Many electronic parts contain toxic substances, like lead or mercury, which can harm the environment if not disposed of properly.

Recycling Programs: Several manufacturers and retailers offer recycling programs where old devices are properly broken down, and reusable components are extracted to reduce waste.

4. Adopt Conscious Consumption

Going forward, be mindful of purchasing only what you really need. Quality over quantity is key. Choosing durable electronics and taking care of them extends their lifespan and reduces the need for constant upgrades.



By taking these simple steps, we can collectively minimize electronic waste, contribute to a cleaner environment, and even find value in the devices we once considered obsolete. Let's be mindful stewards of our technology and our planet.

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